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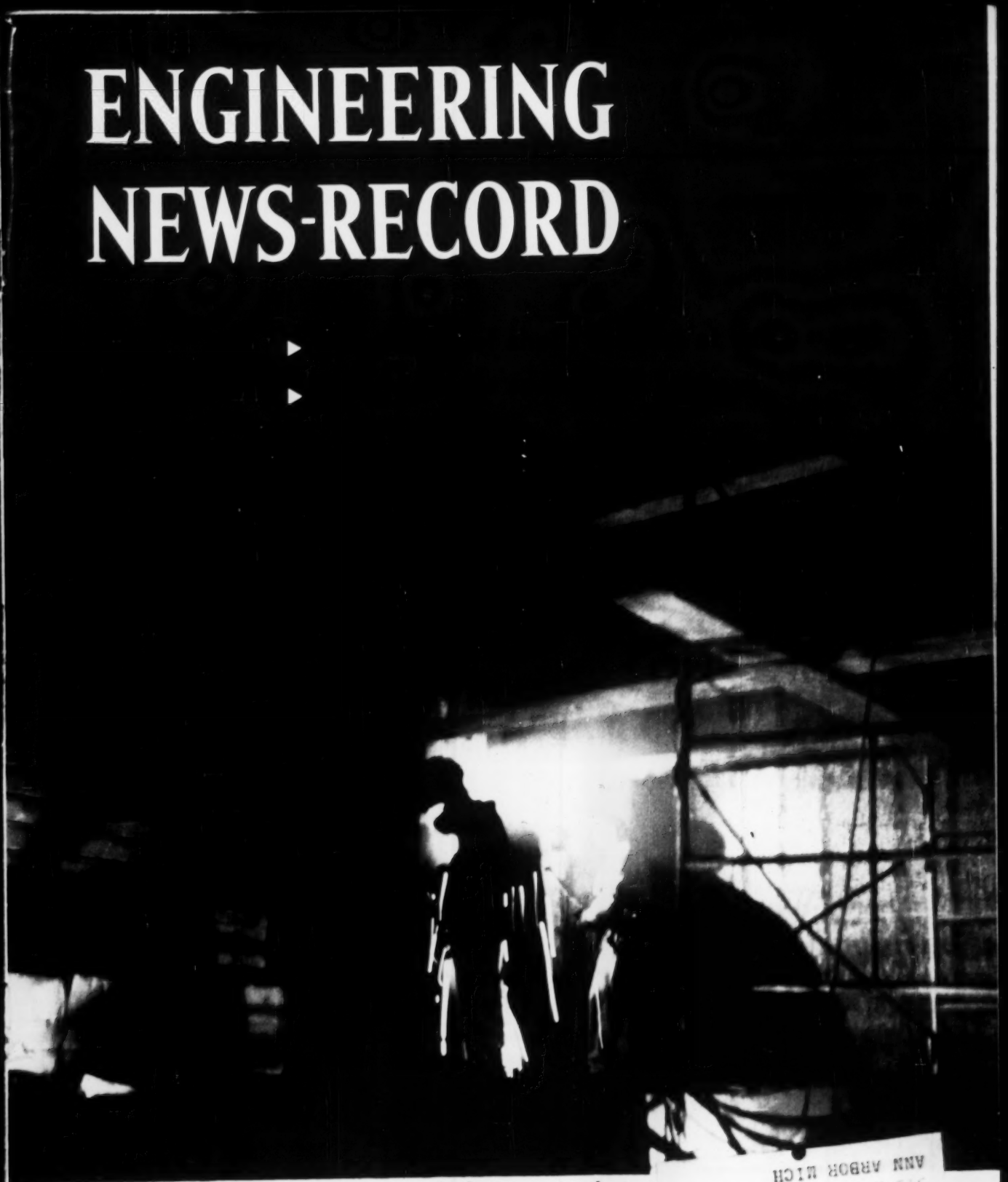

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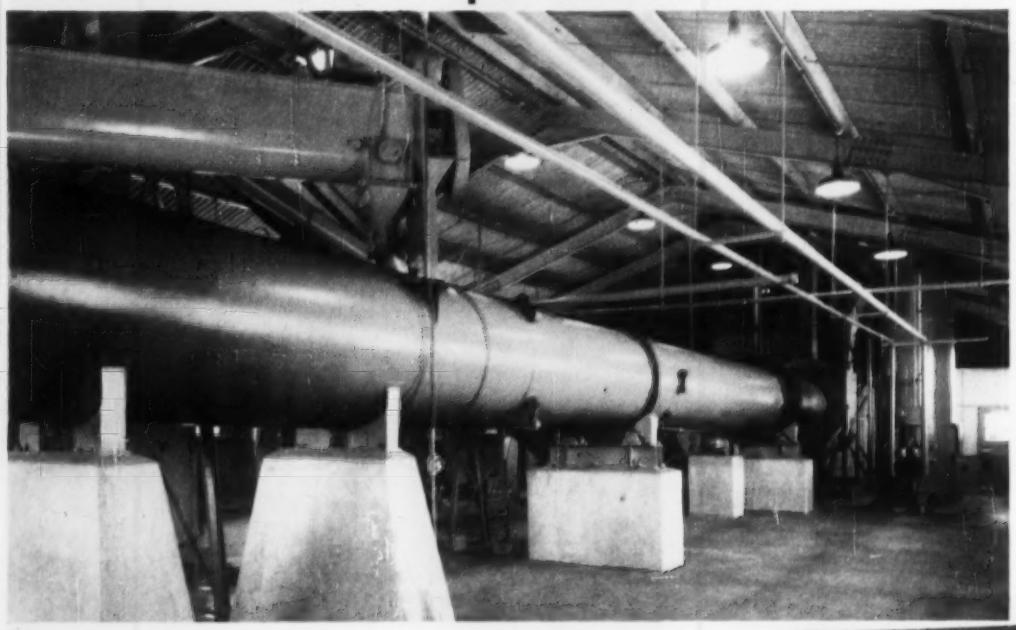

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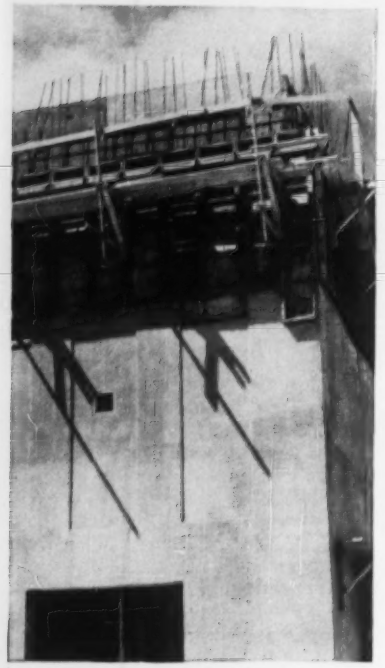

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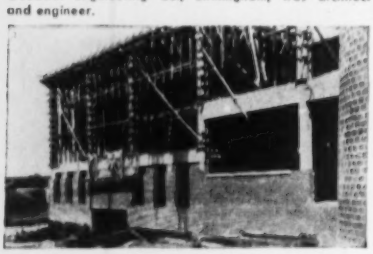

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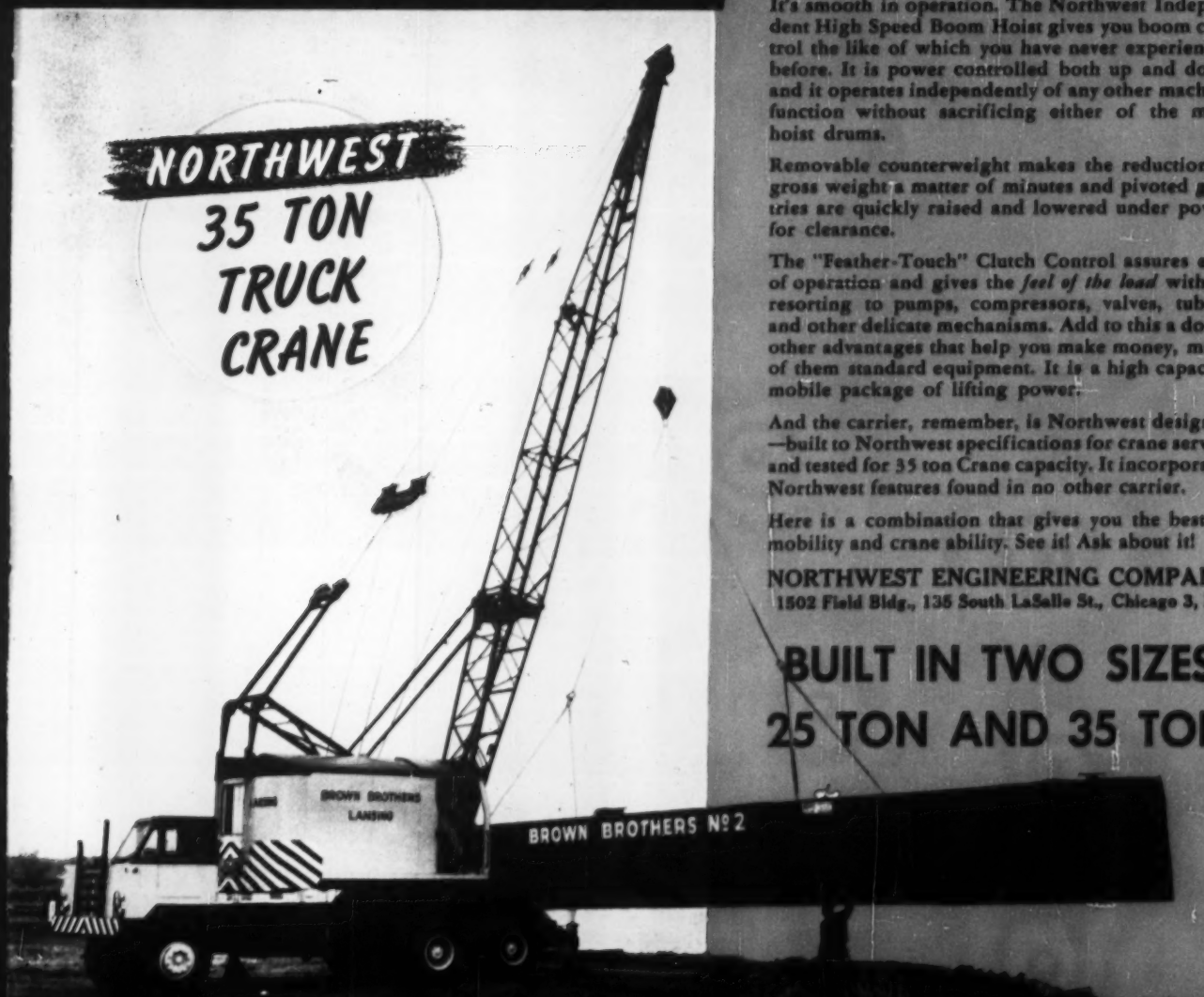


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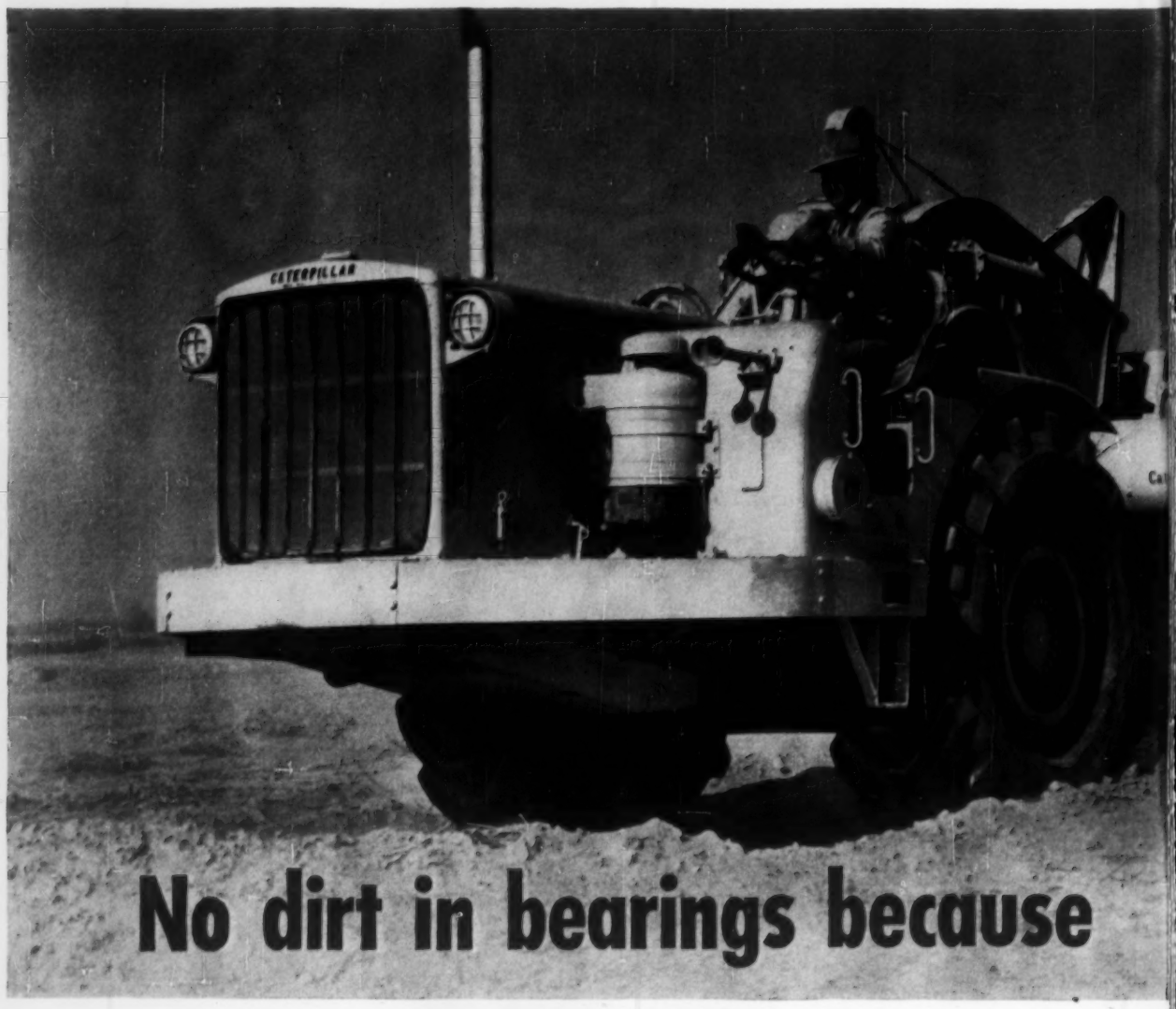


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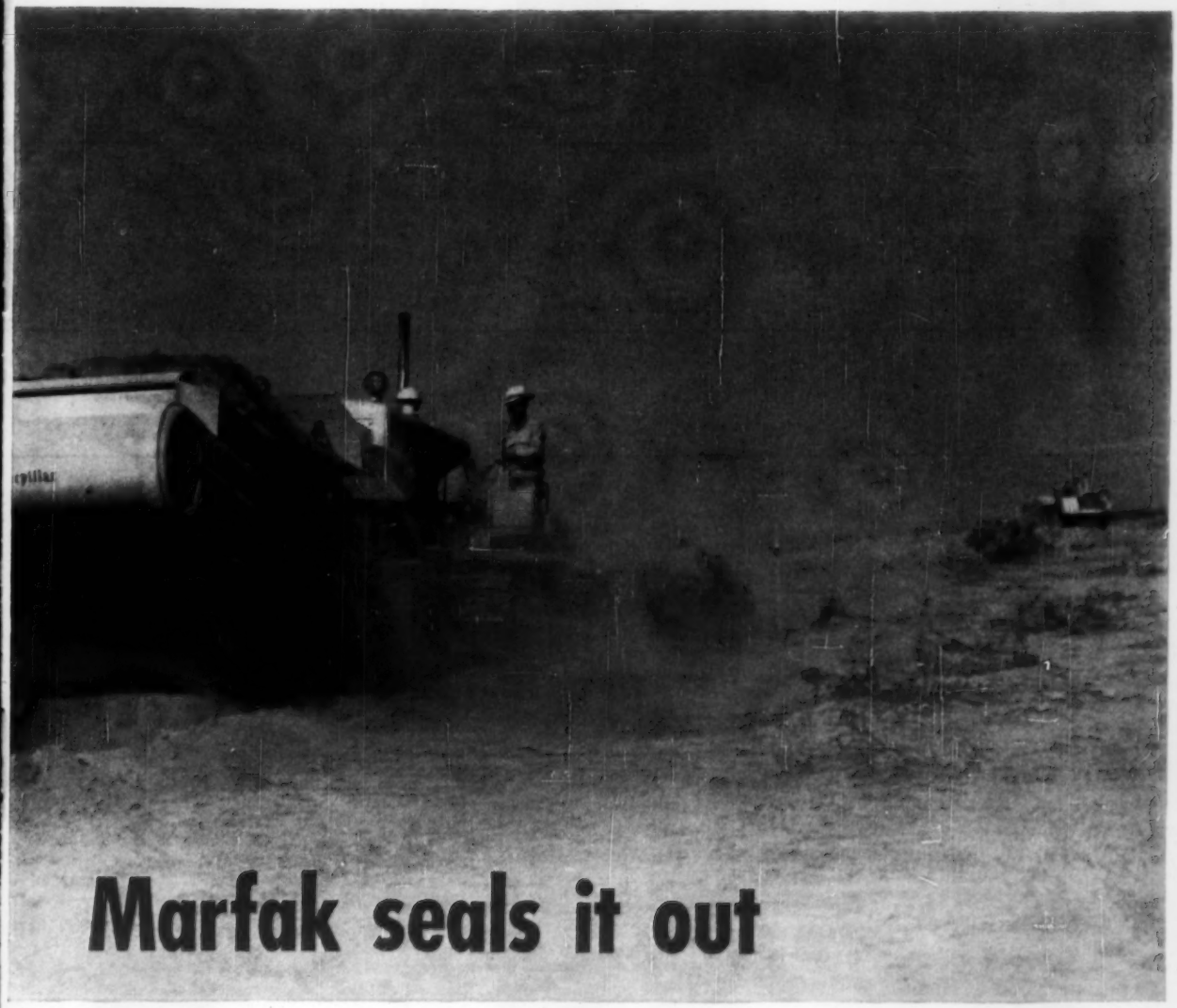

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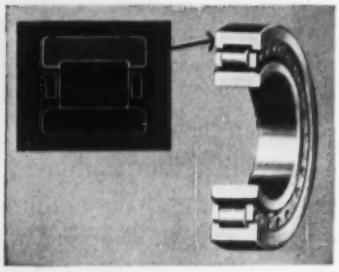

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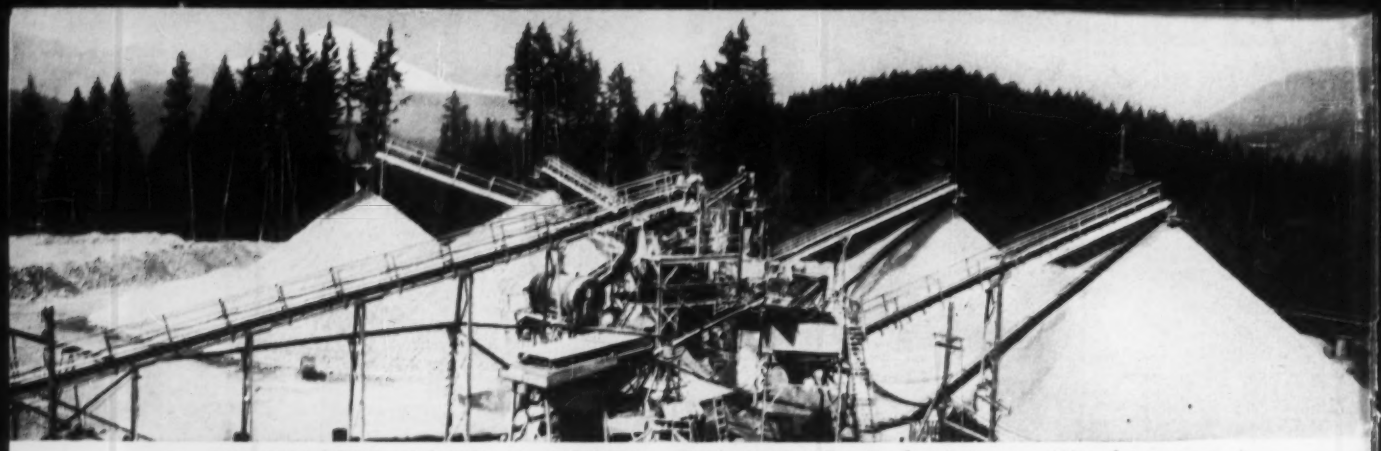
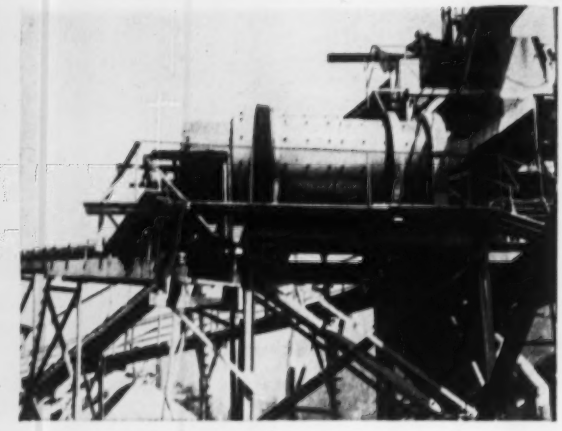


*at ASSOCIATED SAND & GRAVEL CO. PLANT, Baker Dam, Washington*

# *Scrubbing was a problem—*



# TELSMITH
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## OTHER TELSMITH EQUIPMENT IN THIS PLANT

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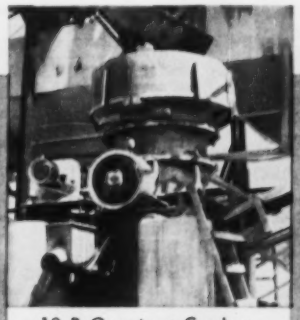

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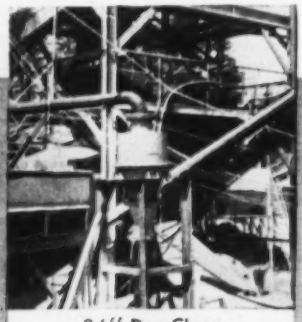

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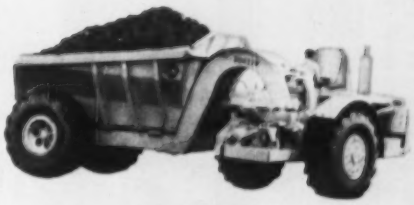

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# Reader Comment

**CANTILEVER BRIDGE** over the Hudson River on the New York Thruway—would a suspension design have been less costly?

## Suspension Design Is Best

SIR—Your article, "This Design Beat U.S. Firms," is of special interest to me. In 1950, I worked out a design similar to that of the Lake Maracaibo Bridge shown in ENR June 13, p. 28, for the New York Thruway, Tarrytown-Nyack, Hudson River Bridge, and also others, including one with three diagonal cables, which I found to be more economical. The economy of the suspension design I determined by comparison of the maximum cable tensions, girder compressions and moments with the stresses and moments in a continuous truss. In addition, this system is adaptable for economical erection.

I offered my designs on Dec. 11, 1950, indicating that the cost of the proposed arch bridge may be prohibitive because of erection considerations. ENR reported two years later (Dec. 25, 1952) that because of the "inability of the companies to meet the state's estimated cost", the arch design was abandoned.

A conventional cantilever truss bridge was built. The 93 ft span overhead bracings of this cantilever truss span represent great economic disadvantage in cost and maintenance expenses, also in appearance, as proved by my designs.

There is nothing new about the design that beat U.S. firms. It was built previously in reinforced concrete with encased cables, for a 187 ft span, by Eduardo Torroja in Spain in 1926. It was proposed before this application for a Neckar River Bridge in 1925, with a 313 ft span, and for two Rhine River bridges in 1949 and 1952 with a 1,033 ft and a 937 ft center span, respectively. The latter bridge had 26 ft deep trusses and structural steel cables. A 193 ft span was built in Germany recently.

I made several designs of this type for other bridges. Among these are one in 1945 with a 450 ft span and structural steel cables, and more recently, two designs for double-deck bridges in the 1,000 ft span range, with cable arrangement similar to that of the 599 ft span of the Strömsund Bridge, which was built in Sweden in 1955. These also indicated advantages over conventional cantilever truss designs.

LOUIS BALOG
*Consulting Engineer*
*Binghamton, N. Y.*

## Surety Bonds

SIR—On the subject of subcontractor bonds under the Miller Act (ENR June 20, p. 8), it seems to me that anybody who reads the Miller Act, Title 40, U.S.C.A., Section 270a, can see for himself that there is no requirement whatever for any subcontractor to furnish a surety bond. The reason is simple, namely, that no subcontractor under the Miller Act has privity with the government. The provisions in Section 270b for the benefit of the subcontractor's unpaid suppliers beat this out.

The court, in the Osceola case, may have intended to say that the subcontractor furnished a performance bond of a tenor similar to those terms and provisions which the Miller Act requires—not that the Miller Act required such a bond.

H. W. RUDOLPH
*Seaboard Surety Company*
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EDITOR'S NOTE—Below is the reply of I. Vernon Werbin, who summarizes court decisions for ENR's Legal Column.

SIR—On further examination, the court's statement in the Osceola case that a subcontractor furnished a pay-

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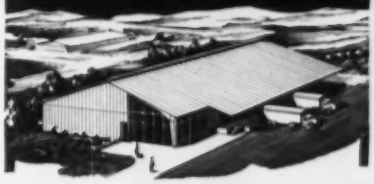

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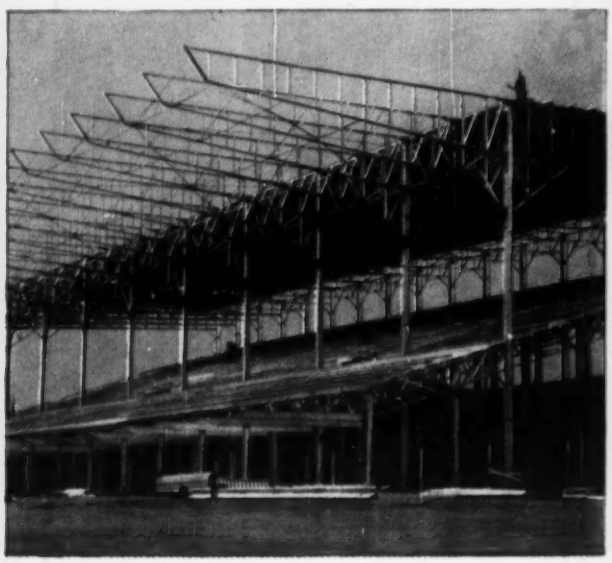

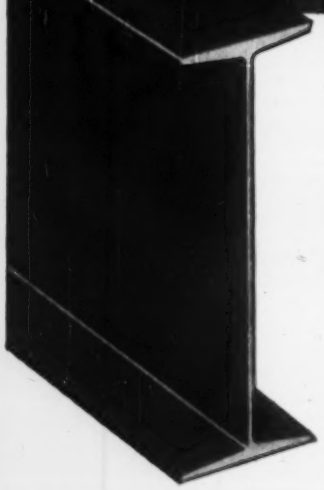

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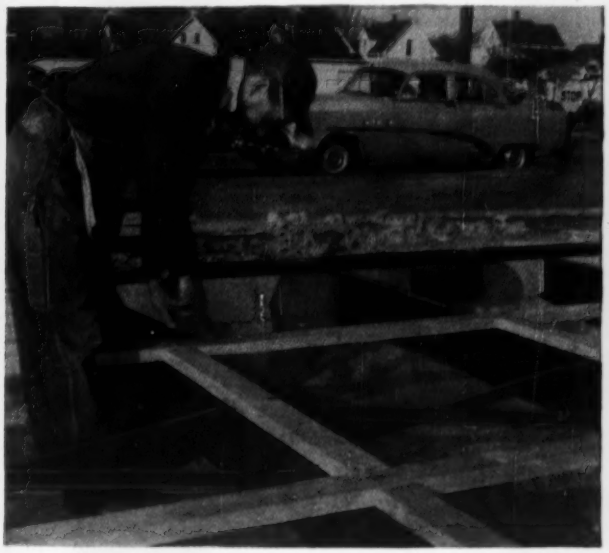

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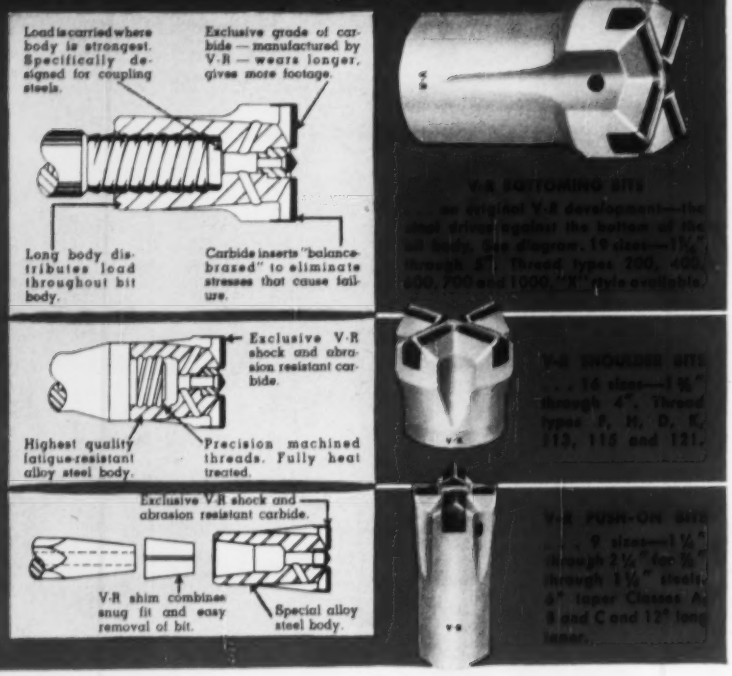
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ment bond pursuant to the Miller Act is obviously incorrect.

The Miller Act contains no such requirement. In the Osceola case, the general contractor insisted the subcontractor furnish such payment bond to protect himself against having to pay suppliers of labor and materials after he had paid the subcontractor for the work.

I. Vernon Werbin
*New York, N. Y.*

## Name Incorrect

The S. S. Jacobs Co., Jacksonville, Fla, is the correct name of the general contractor who built the Southern Railway food terminal at Chattanooga. The article, "Building an All-Concrete Food Terminal," appeared in ENR June 20, p. 67, and the name was erroneously given as S. S. Jacobson. Simmerson & Bell, engineers for the project, are also from Jacksonville.

## Asphalt or Concrete

In the article "How Do Electronics Scales Stack Up?" (ENR June 20, p. 39), a caption noting this type scale's usefulness in construction applications mentioned concrete batching while the photo was of an asphalt plant. Asphalt mixes, too, are being proportioned by electronic scales these days.

## Right Man, Wrong Job

In an article appearing on p. 93 of its July 25 issue, ENR reported that George T. McDonald, retired executive secretary of the Georgia State Highway Board, had been appointed "director of the highway and heavy construction division of the Associated General Contractors of America."

Mr. McDonald, correctly has been named director of the division for the Georgia chapter of AGC, not for the national headquarters. Mr. James M. Sprouse is manager of the highway contractors division for AGC, with headquarters in Washington.

## CALENDAR

**Hydraulics Div., American Society of Civil Engineers,** Kresge Auditorium, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass., Aug. 26-28.

**International Conference of Building Officials,** annual business meeting, St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco, Calif., Sept. 13-15.

**Building Research Institute's Plastics Study Group,** Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 17-18.

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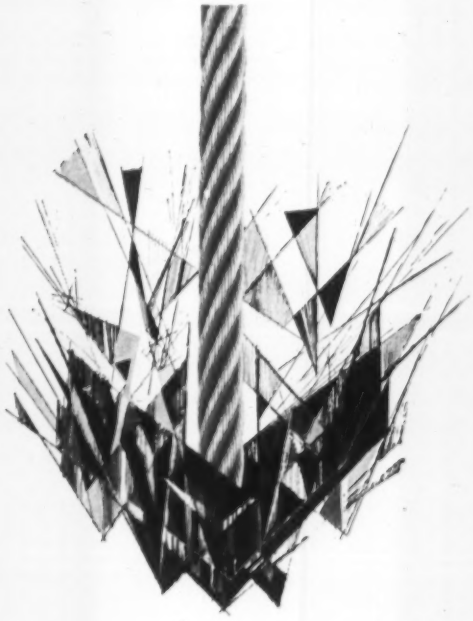

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# THE CONSTRUCTION WEEK

**G.I. BUILDINGS TOO FRILLY**—Spartan traditions in the armed forces are giving way to air conditioning, private baths and other high-priced refinements at the taxpayers' expense, complained a Congressional body this week. A House appropriations subcommittee deplored a creeping tendency toward the use of more expensive materials and fancy architecture for barracks, officers' clubs and other buildings. The group protested the increasing use of acoustical tile, fireplaces, hardwood dance floors, brick facing, and window canopies. Cited by the subcommittee were a $22,000 substitution of rubber tile for asphalt tile at Westover Air Force Base, Mass., and a $50,000 installation of ceramic tile wainscoting on the outside of concrete block barracks walls at Treasure Island Naval Base, Calif.

**ALL SET FOR APPROPRIATIONS**—Plans for a $180 million construction program for the 1957-58 fiscal year were worked out by 40 engineers and executives of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation at a three day conference in San Francisco, Calif., last week. Reclamation Commissioner W. A. Dexheimer presided at the meeting, held annually by western reclamation officials to work out their construction schedule. Although their program is subject to final Congressional action on Reclamation Bureau appropriations, it is said to be flexible enough to suit the final price tag they expect Congress to fix.

**HOW'S THAT AGAIN?**—In two days of hot debate, the U.S. House of Representatives last week killed the idea of building a four-lane traffic tunnel across (that's what the bill said) the Potomac River, changed its mind, decided instead to build a six-lane bridge that would be "a fixed-span bascule" structure; then ordered that no tolls could be charged for the tunnel that isn't going to be built; and that access roads for the bridge that won't be built either may not be tunnelled under Arlington Cemetery. Looking at this handiwork on the second day, the House finally killed the whole business, and left matters where they stood originally—no bridge, no tunnel, no legislation.

**SOME HELP, ANYWAY**—The hard-pressed Arkansas Highway Commission, which last month announced it was too broke to pay its bills over the next few months (ENR July 25, p. 25) got a windfall last week, but still isn't out of the financial woods. The federal government speeded up its payments to the state, thus providing $1.5 million much before the state expected to get it. However, Arkansas needs $3 million to tide it over until October when revenues will start coming in again. Commissioners figured, however, that they could pay contractors in full a little longer than the previously announced cutoff date of August 15.

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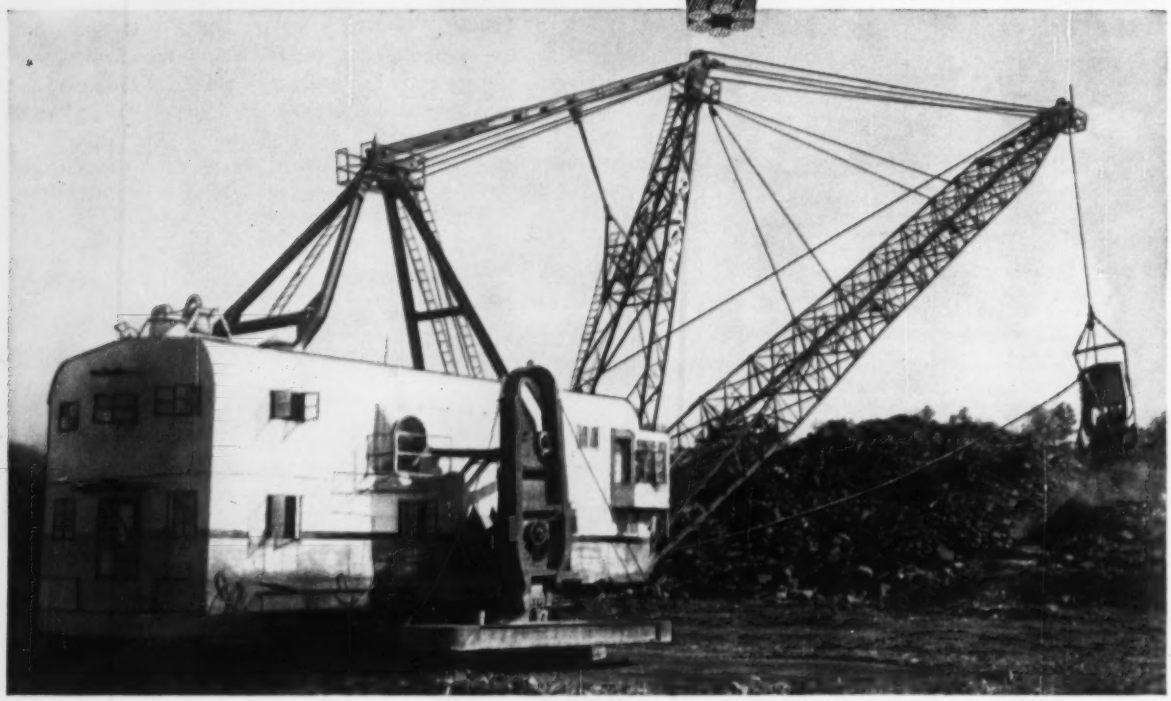

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# WASHINGTON OBSERVER

- **Asphalt decision a year away**
- **Billions in construction still in Congress**
- **One new reclamation start approved**

● **Any new decision on the use of asphalt for military airport runways is at least a year away.** The Air Force, under pressure from the House Armed Services Committee, agreed to confer on the Army Engineer Corps' claim that it can work out a satisfactory design for asphalt for the central portion of runways for the heaviest bombers.

The Air Force insisted on a test of the Corps' specifications for this use before re-admitting asphalt to competitive bidding. The Air Force and the Army Engineers agreed to make the test on a runway under construction at the new Columbus, Miss., Air Force Base.

This runway won't be ready for testing until some time next spring. This means that the official decision on the reinstatement of asphalt isn't likely to be made until about a year from now. The House committee is holding off further hearings until the test is completed.

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● **The last word on President Eisenhower's budget-cutting will come from some $10 billion of appropriations bills still to clear Congress**—including some of the biggest construction bills.

Public works, military construction, and atomic energy construction programs for the year that's already a month old are still snarled in one way or another—either behind jams caused by failure to pass authorization bills, or the Senate filibuster, or just plain GOP-Democratic politics.

Atomic energy construction is a good example. Here, AEC is trying to fight off a law which would require the agency to build and own power reactors. The Democrats originally plumped for a $400 million program; now they may force AEC agreement to a program running to $150-200 million. But the authorization bill for these still hasn't been passed.

The military's request for $1.7 billion for its public works hadn't yet been reported out by the House committee as of early this week—and hearings haven't yet been completed by the Senate committee.

Rivers and harbors, flood control, and reclamation money is much closer to being approved. The House cut $62 million off the Administration's request for $876 million; but the Senate committee voted $8 million more than the Administration asked.

The foreign aid bill has construction in it, too—but it's difficult to specify just how much. The conference committee on the authorization bill will probably settle around $3.2 billion or so total; appropriation approval comes later.

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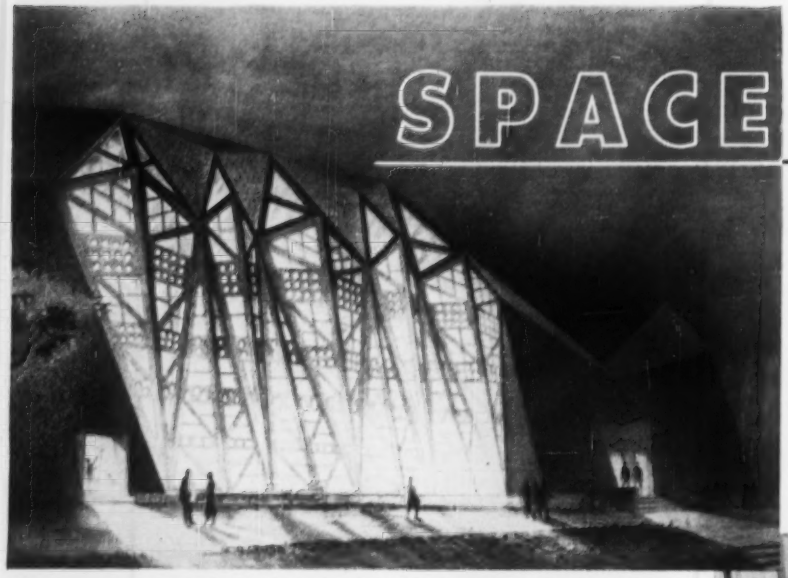
● **The only reclamation project to be approved so far by this Congress is the San Angelo project in west Texas.** Last week, the House voted to authorize the $32 million unit. The multipurpose project will provide municipal water for the City of San Angelo, irrigation and flood control. The combination of Texas drought and floods got this one through despite the Administration's "no new starts policy." Money won't be voted this year, however.




# SPACE enclosed 'archi-structurally' makes this new church stand alone

Rendering shows giant abstract Biblical fish or whale form of church. Chancel, not shown, is at observer's left. Church is 234' long, 54' at its widest, and seats 670.

## *Cathedral-Like Vastness Achieved by Wrapping Space in Pre-Cast Concrete*

● Construction of the new First Presbyterian Church of Stamford, Conn. in which space is literally wrapped in precast concrete wall and roof elements that are self-supporting, without columns, beams or lintels can perhaps best be described as 'archi-structural' — the shell or frame being both structural and enclosing.

Reinforced concrete wall and roof elements, factory-fabricated to closest tolerances, were trucked to the job site. Panel bottoms were fastened to the footing, slanted panels being supported by false-work until roof panels were lowered into position, making the integrated wall and roof self-supporting. An eight-inch band of concrete connects the panels, resulting in a monolithic structure of great strength and rigidity.

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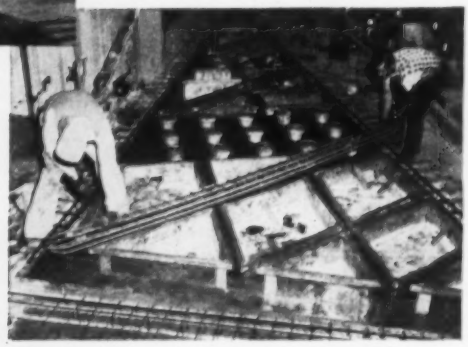
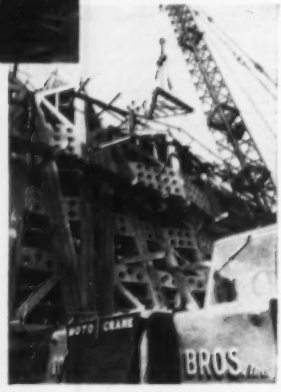


152 precast elements were used—80 triangles some perforated, others solid, and 72 solid quadrilateral panels—maximum sizes for panels 36 ft. x 10 ft.; for triangles 35 ft. on longest measure—maximum weights: for panels 10 tons; for triangles 5 tons.

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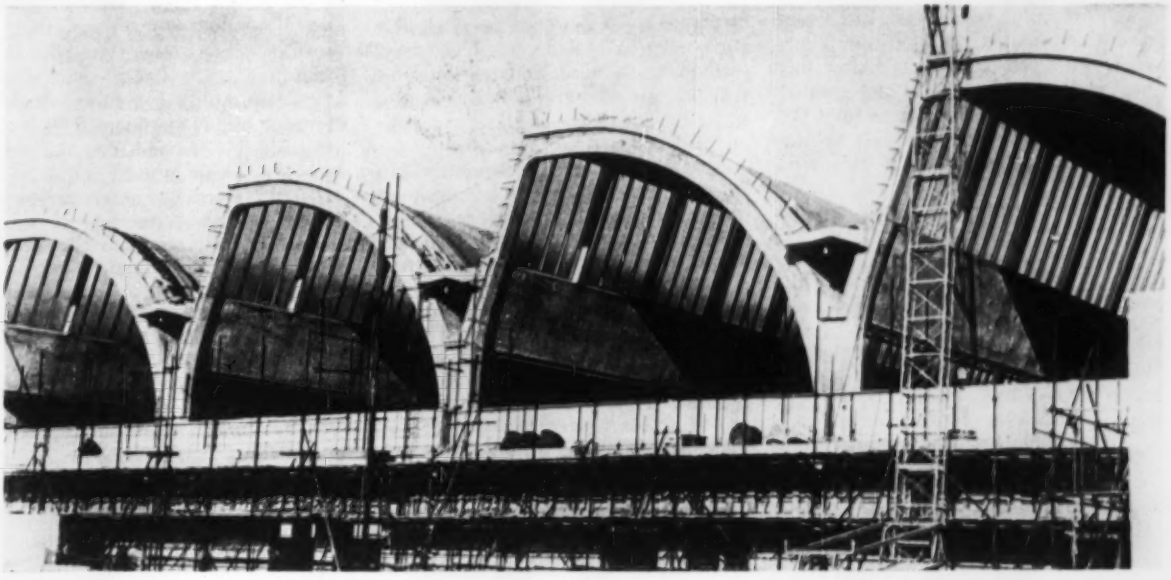


**PRESTRESSED SHELLS,** like this factory roof in the Netherlands were an important item on the agenda when 1,200 delegates from all quarters of the world converged last week on San Francisco to turn the . . .

# Spotlight on Prestressed Concrete

Prestressed concrete has come of age. That was convincingly demonstrated last week in San Francisco where 1,200 persons from 31 countries and more than 40 states attended a week-long World Conference on Prestressed Concrete.

Almost every important organization or group in the prestressed field was there—engineers, contractors, manufacturers of prestressed products and materials suppliers. They came to share their experiences and developments with others. And they came to make sure that they were keeping up with others. There were, of course, many neophytes also.

The conference was a one-shot operation, sponsored by the University of California Department of Engineering and University Extension, much like the first conference on prestressed concrete held at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1951 (ENR Aug. 23, 1951, p. 24). Many technical organizations cooperated in presenting the conference. Perhaps the most important was the Prestressed Concrete Institute, whose two leading members in the San Francisco Bay area—Ben C. Gerwick, Co., Inc., and Basalt Rock Co.—were important factors in presenting the show. However, most credit should go to Prof. T. Y. Lin, of the University of California, who served as chairman of the general arrangements committee and conference coordinator. Included among the closely cooperating organizations was the International Federation for Prestressing, which held conferences in London in 1953 and Amsterdam in 1955 and plans a conference in Berlin. The program included 10 motion pictures on prestressed concrete. In addition, each registrant was given a preprint of 25 technical papers which were squeezed off the regular program by lack of time. But main interest centered on 30 papers—12 by foreign authors—and the accompanying discussion. Presentations made by foreign authors seemed to steal the spotlight. Abstracts of some of the more important of these follow.

• **Prestressed suspension bridges**—According to Daniel C. Vandepitte, of the University of Ghent (Belgium), the concept of the suspension bridge with unreinforced concrete stiffening beams that are prestressed by the main cables is derived in an entirely natural way from the conventional prestressed concrete bridge or from the self-anchored suspension bridge. The longest spans existing in prestressed concrete are about 375 ft long, and these involve girders that are very deep at the supports. Designers often have to increase depth of beams beyond the value which live-load moments require to provide enough eccentricity for the prestressing cable. The prestressed concrete suspension bridge concept abandons the requirement that the cable be placed in the girder concrete. In this application the prestressing element is almost entirely outside the concrete except at and near the end bearing anchorages.

As compared with ordinary steel suspension bridges, the prestressed concrete suspension bridge has the drawback of requiring falsework, heavier cables and towers and larger pier foundations. However, it has the advantages of having a cheaper deck, of needing no costly anchorages, of requiring very little maintenance, and of possessing much more rigidity; and provided the spans are not too long, the prestressed concrete suspension bridge costs less than its steel counterpart.

• **Concentrated tendons**—Another type of prestressing where tendons are outside the main concrete was described by Fritz Leonhardt, consulting engineer from Stuttgart, Germany. This method is usable, according to Mr. Leonhardt, for spans ranging from 80 to 400 ft and it concentrates large tendons out-

side the web of the concrete member. In other words, the web of the beam—either I or box shape—can be cast without any prestressing tendons cast inside. The prestressing tendons are laid alongside the web and stressed simultaneously with very large jacks. After this the tendons are concreted and grouted with mild steel bars connecting the tendon covering with the web to provide bond. Advantages of this type of tendons are as follows:

1. The width of the web can be reduced because size of the cable has no influence on web thickness.
2. Web concrete can be placed without disturbance of ducts or cables.
3. During construction the girder length can be interrupted by open joints to avoid temperature or shrinkage cracks.
4. It facilitates re-use of forms.
5. No cable casing is needed except above piers or at anchors.
6. The cable is open for inspection until after prestressing.
7. Friction is very low.
8. Encasing of the cable with good concrete can be well controlled.

• **Prestressed shells**—A discussion of prestressed shells was presented by Prof. A. M. Haas, Delft University, the Netherlands, who claimed several advantages for their use. Longer spans are possible and thus structures are less obstructed by columns. Cracking due to shrinkage, creep, temperature changes, etc., may be delayed or avoided. Water tightness is enhanced. Assembly of precast elements is facilitated.

In addition to these advantages, prestressing increases shear resistance, which is very important in shells. Due to the thinness of shell sections, shearing stresses are critical at an earlier stage than for beams. But early techniques included post-tensioning of edge beams only, which resulted in large shearing stresses at the intersection of beam and shell. This can be overcome partly by a local thickening of the slab or a gradual increase of the shell thickness near the edge (in addition to mild steel reinforcing). But it can be overcome better by including the whole shell body in the prestressing technique.

Prof. Haas described a prestressed shell, north-light building for a confectionary factory at Osterhout, the Netherlands (photo page 23). This includes 22 bays of two 131 ft spans in the transverse direction with each bay spanning 39 ft. Shells are 2¾ in. thick.

• **Rigid building frames**—Use of prestressed concrete in active earthquake areas was discussed by Prof. Shizuo Ban, Kyoto University, Japan. Prof. Ban contends that it is not economical to design structures to be free from any cracking under the action of earthquake forces. However, he believes that all buildings should be designed to resist collapse, even in the case of the severest earthquake, to minimize fatalities. This calls for use of limit design in earthquake analyses. And it places emphasis on rigid connections.

Monolithic concrete structures can be prestressed by proper arrangement of prestressing tendons. In a simple rigid frame of two columns and one beam, length of the beam will be inevitably shortened by the prestressing operation and this results in lateral displacement or rotation of columns. Thus, the bending moment caused by the rotation of columns must be taken into account. Prof. Ban outlined a general procedure for the determination of tendons as well as magnitude of tension in a statically indeterminate building frame.

Since there are difficulties in prestressing monolithic structures, rigid frames are usually built up with precast, prestressed members. There are, however, difficulties in forming rigid connections. Prof. Ban contends that it is not economical to prestress the columns which are under normal compressive load and are subjected to sway moment in the case of an earthquake. He outlined a new method of connecting a post-tensioned prestressed concrete beam to the sides of columns without causing lateral deflection.

• **Fire resistance**—Research, as yet still incomplete, on fire resistance of prestressed concrete was discussed in a paper prepared by two English engineers—A. W. Hill, deputy technical director, Cement and Concrete Association, and L. A. Ashton, Fire Research Station, Great Britain. Tests are being carried out at the laboratories of the Joint Fire Research Organization at Borehm Wood, where facilities exist for testing walls, floors, columns and beams. In addition, a furnace capable of testing beams and floors of 24 ft span has recently been added to the equipment and is now in use.

It was concluded that prestressed concrete members are likely to have a lower fire resistance than their equivalents in normal reinforced concrete construction for three reasons: Prestressed concrete members have a smaller section and thus less heat capacity; cold-drawn steel wire used for prestressing is more susceptible to high temperature than mild steel, and it usually carries a stress that is a higher proportion of its ultimate strength than does mild steel; continuity—more commonly found in reinforced concrete—has a marked effect on fire resistance.

But the paper pointed out that in normal practice, the high-tensile steel in prestressed concrete can often be given additional cover as compared with reinforced concrete without loss of economy. Thus the inferior temperature-strength characteristics of high-tensile steel wire can be to some extent offset. With reinforced concrete the steel to be most effective must be located as near the tension face as possible and in such a position would be affected relatively quickly by fire. With prestressed concrete the wires are not so near the surface exposed to fire and are often spread over the section.

• **Segmental precasting**—A British consulting engineer, E. W. H. Gifford, described designs where beams are made up of conveniently short precast units that are united by the prestressing force. This force overcomes all bending tensile stresses in the working range and its value is such that it prevents shearing at the joints of the segments. Advantages claimed by Mr. Gifford include: Long, heavy beams may conveniently be subdivided for transport and handling. Forming costs will be reduced by reduction of the size of forms and increasing repetitive use of the forms. Intricate details—such as diaphragms—can be more easily constructed. Placing of high quality concrete can be better controlled in the small units.

• **Prestressing in U. S. S. R.**—Russia was represented at the conference by a 5-man delegation. Their people contributed liberally to discussions of the for-

## PCI Elects

The Prestressed Concrete Institute held its annual meeting in San Francisco during the World Conference on Prestressed Concrete. Principal business was election of officers. New president is Ben C. Gerwick, Jr., of Ben C. Gerwick, Inc., San Francisco. He succeeds J. Ashton Gray, of Dura-Stress, Inc., Leesburg, Fla. New vice president is Harold A. Price, of Basalt Rock Co., Napa, Calif. And the secretary-treasurer is Peter J. Verna, Jr., Concrete Materials, Inc., Charlotte, N. C.

Directors elected to a two-year term include J. Ashton Gray, Leesburg, Fla.; D. P. Cone, Tampa, Fla.; G. W. Ford, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; and Prof. T. Y. Lin, Berkeley, Calif.

Directors for one year are J. O. Whitlock, Springfield, Ill.; F. S. Burtch, Trenton, N. J.; and P. E. Balcomb, Pottstown, Pa.

nal papers, pointing out that total production of prestressed concrete in Russia closely approaches that in the U.S. A Russian bridge engineer also said that there are in Russia either now in existence or under construction 150 railroad bridges and 200 highway bridges. The impression was given that prestressing is welcomed with open arms behind the Iron Curtain because it substitutes for steel and wood—commodities that are presumably in short supply.

The major Russian contribution to the conference was a paper on automation in fabrication of prestressed members by Prof. V. V. Mikhailov. He described a method of two and three-axis reinforcement of concrete using continuous stressed wires. This method involves pretensioning by pulling wire from reels through a stressing station over preset pins. Large-scale production of similar units is facilitated by automatic machines for reeling such wire onto forms. Such units in Russia manufacture beams, slabs, wall panels, and smaller units such as railroad ties and purlins. But such continuous units have certain shortcomings, according to Mr. Mikhailov. These include the necessity for highly skilled operators as well as the inability to make diverse products. To change the product, the machines must be completely reset, which is time-consuming. And considerable investment is required. However, the high production of these units fully justifies these shortcomings. Mr. Mikhailov pointed out that there are more than 15 large factories in Russia specializing in continuous prestressed fabrication of residential buildings.

Other important contributions to the conference by Europeans include a discussion of German practice by Prof. W. Zerna of Hanover Technical University. Prof. Zerna mentioned oval, ribbed steel used in post-tensioning. The bars are ribbed for better bond, and are oval shaped for better steel arrangement. They range in size from 20 to 50 sq mm.

Jean Muller of Enterprises Campenon Benrnard in France discussed prestressed dams in Europe. These works include anchoring the concrete to rock abutments and multiple arch structures where extensive prestressing was employed.

• **American contributions**—Emphasis in the foregoing papers by European engineers should not be construed to mean that the U.S. was not well represented on the program. Many U.S. projects and programs were discussed. These include the Lake Ponchartrain Bridge (ENR Aug. 30, 1956, p. 30), by W. F. Palmer of Palmer and Baker, Mobile, Ala.; the California Division of Architecture prestressed lift slab program (ENR July 4, p. 40), by Charles Peterson and A. H. Brownfield of that organization; the Illinois Toll Road prestressed bridge program, by M. E. Bender, of Joseph K. Knoerle and associates, Baltimore, and Jack Janney, Chicago consulting engineer; and the Reynolds Metals Co. Listerhill plant, by Ross H. Bryan, Nashville (Tenn.) consulting engineer.

Other U.S. papers attacked the problem from a more general angle. Keynote speaker William E. Dean, assistant state highway engineer for Florida, forecast a big future in the U.S. for prestressed concrete spurred by the highway program. He warned, however, that prestressed concrete is an engineered material and must be designed by competent professionals. He further urged continued efforts toward good workmanship on construction.

Further concern about careful fabrication and construction practices was exhibited in a presentation on California bridge experience (ENR July 18, p. 36) by Arthur L. Elliott of the California Bridge Department. One of Mr. Elliott's worries is inadequate grouting. He urged development of better grouting equipment. An example is recent California work where high pressure grout pumps—up to 2,000 psi—have been used.

Two papers included coverage of prestressed piles. One was by Ben C. Gerwick, Jr., and W. J. Talbot, of Ben C. Gerwick, Inc., and the other by M. F. Fornerod, of Raymond Concrete Pile Co. Several U.S. papers covered research phases of prestressing, including one by Truman R. Jones, Jr., of Texas A&M, that concluded that use of lightweight concrete in prestressed work was practical.

But perhaps the greatest difference between U.S. and European practice was demonstrated in descriptions of production facilities. On this subject, Peter J. Verna, Jr., of Charlotte, N. C., pointed out that pretensioning plants are a new development in the U.S. In 1953 there were only about a dozen, mostly for bridge beams. With development of building units, the number of plants has quickly mushroomed until today there are 200 or more, including those in the planning and construction stage. Reason is that the prestressed concrete industry has passed the three-way American construction test; that is: (1) Is it economical? (2) Will it do a better structural job? and (3) Will it conserve critical material? Mr. Verna explained the things American pretensioning plants concentrate on—wire storage, curing methods, concrete distribution methods, efficient materials handling and quick release of pretensioning beds for new pours. Further, American plants must of necessity be located near transportation facilities. All are located on or near major highways, most have rail haul facilities available and many have water haul facilities close by.

Mr. Verna illustrated his paper with many examples, including his plant, Concrete Materials, Inc., at Charlotte, N. C. This particular plant has mixer-truck and rail-car passageway between the first and second double beds for quick movement of finished product from beds to stockpile area beyond the end of the craneway.

## —Prestressed Span Record Depends on Bids—

A proposed 300 ft main span prestressed bridge was described at the prestressed conference by a Bureau of Public Roads engineer, David M. Goodall. This would be the longest span U.S. prestressed bridge and would rank third in the world. But there is a chance the structure will be built of steel instead of prestressed concrete. Alternate bids are to be opened Aug. 16 at the Bureau of Public Roads office in Portland, Ore. Preliminary estimates made a year ago showed the prestressed bridge to be $125,000 cheaper than the steel design and BPR engineers believe the margin may be greater now.

The bridge is to be located in Mount Rainier National Park about a half mile downstream from the face of Nisqually Glacier. Two previous bridges of shorter span have been destroyed by glacier-induced rock and water flows.

In addition to conventional concrete box-girder approach spans, the structure will have a 300 ft main span plus two cantilever spans of 50 and 90 ft. Alternate bids in steel and prestressed concrete are being taken for this 440 ft section. The prestressed design calls for a box structure, with three cells being 14 ft deep in the main span. Prestressing cables would be threaded from end-anchorage jacking blocks at each end of the cantilevers through the hollow cells. The cable profile would be established by diaphragms at 30 ft centers in the main span. The 54 stranded cables of 2 in. nominal diameter would be unbonded. Purpose is to reduce friction and to facilitate cable layout, which would be extremely difficult in thin webs. Manholes would allow access to the cables.

The bridge will have a 28 ft wide roadway plus a 3 ft sidewalk on one side and an 18 in. safety curb on the other. Design live load is H15-S12.

Contract will allow 2 years for completion. But the prestressed portion will of necessity be a one season job, probably to be handled next summer.

# $2.875 Billion Allocated for Highways

State highway departments last week received federal-aid allocations of $2.875 billion for fiscal year 1959, which starts next July 1. With state matching money, this will pay for nearly $4 billion worth of new highways.

Federal funds apportioned to the states are available for obligation as rapidly as the highway departments can complete designs, take bids and award contracts. Commerce Secretary Weeks and the Bureau of Public Roads released the allocations five months in advance of the date required by law as part of the joint effort of the federal government and the states to speed construction of the interstate system.

## Where the Money Will Go

The table below gives (in millions of dollars) the federal-aid allocations for highways for both fiscal 1958 and fiscal 1959. The first column under each year (T) is the total allocation for the three systems—primary, secondary and urban mileage. The second column (I) is the allocation for the interstate system. The third column (S) gives the total allocation to each state.

| | For FY 1958 | | | For FY 1959 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| STATE | (T) | (I) | (S) | (T) | (I) | (S) |
| Alabama | $17.0 | $34.5 | $51.5 | $17.6 | $40.7 | $58.3 |
| Arizona | 10.2 | 19.5 | 29.7 | 10.5 | 22.8 | 33.3 |
| Arkansas | 12.6 | 24.7 | 37.3 | 12.8 | 28.7 | 41.5 |
| California | 45.7 | 96.9 | 142.6 | 48.0 | 115.4 | 163.4 |
| Colorado | 13.4 | 23.2 | 36.6 | 13.6 | 27.0 | 40.7 |
| Connecticut | 7.9 | 16.4 | 24.3 | 8.1 | 19.2 | 27.3 |
| Delaware | 3.6 | 10.6 | 14.2 | 3.7 | 12.4 | 16.2 |
| Florida | 14.0 | 28.9 | 42.9 | 14.2 | 33.7 | 47.9 |
| Georgia | 19.6 | 39.6 | 59.2 | 19.8 | 46.0 | 65.9 |
| Idaho | 8.3 | 17.2 | 25.5 | 8.6 | 20.2 | 28.8 |
| Illinois | 38.0 | 80.2 | 118.2 | 38.7 | 93.7 | 132.4 |
| Indiana | 20.3 | 41.4 | 61.7 | 20.8 | 48.3 | 69.1 |
| Iowa | 18.3 | 34.7 | 53.0 | 18.6 | 40.3 | 58.8 |
| Kansas | 17.3 | 30.9 | 48.2 | 17.7 | 35.9 | 53.6 |
| Kentucky | 15.2 | 31.9 | 47.1 | 15.5 | 37.2 | 52.7 |
| Louisiana | 13.5 | 28.1 | 41.6 | 13.7 | 32.7 | 46.4 |
| Maine | 6.4 | 13.7 | 20.1 | 6.5 | 16.0 | 22.5 |
| Maryland | 9.2 | 20.4 | 29.6 | 9.6 | 24.0 | 33.6 |
| Massachusetts | 15.8 | 36.3 | 52.1 | 16.1 | 42.5 | 58.6 |
| Michigan | 29.3 | 61.1 | 90.4 | 30.2 | 72.0 | 102.1 |
| Minnesota | 20.2 | 38.3 | 58.5 | 20.8 | 45.0 | 65.7 |
| Mississippi | 13.5 | 27.0 | 40.5 | 13.9 | 31.5 | 45.4 |
| Missouri | 23.7 | 46.0 | 69.7 | 24.0 | 53.6 | 77.6 |
| Montana | 13.5 | 24.4 | 37.9 | 13.8 | 28.5 | 42.3 |
| Nebraska | 14.1 | 24.4 | 38.5 | 14.4 | 28.4 | 42.9 |
| Nevada | 8.2 | 17.8 | 26.0 | 8.4 | 20.7 | 29.1 |
| New Hampshire | 3.8 | 10.6 | 14.4 | 3.9 | 12.4 | 16.4 |
| New Jersey | 16.2 | 37.2 | 53.4 | 16.5 | 43.5 | 60.0 |
| New Mexico | 11.0 | 20.6 | 31.6 | 11.3 | 24.2 | 35.5 |
| New York | 54.2 | 120.5 | 174.7 | 56.1 | 141.9 | 197.9 |
| North Carolina | 20.5 | 43.3 | 63.8 | 20.8 | 50.5 | 71.3 |
| North Dakota | 9.7 | 18.8 | 28.5 | 9.8 | 21.9 | 31.7 |
| Ohio | 34.1 | 72.8 | 106.9 | 34.6 | 84.8 | 119.3 |
| Oklahoma | 16.2 | 30.4 | 46.6 | 16.7 | 35.7 | 52.4 |
| Oregon | 12.6 | 23.1 | 35.7 | 12.8 | 26.8 | 39.7 |
| Pennsylvania | 41.1 | 91.1 | 132.2 | 41.8 | 106.4 | 148.2 |
| Rhode Island | 4.7 | 10.6 | 15.3 | 4.8 | 12.4 | 17.3 |
| South Carolina | 10.8 | 22.9 | 33.7 | 11.0 | 26.7 | 37.7 |
| South Dakota | 10.2 | 19.7 | 29.9 | 10.6 | 23.2 | 33.8 |
| Tennessee | 17.9 | 36.4 | 54.3 | 18.0 | 42.2 | 60.3 |
| Texas | 51.3 | 97.7 | 149.0 | 53.0 | 115.0 | 168.0 |
| Utah | 8.1 | 16.6 | 24.7 | 8.3 | 19.3 | 27.6 |
| Vermont | 3.5 | 10.6 | 14.1 | 3.6 | 12.4 | 16.0 |
| Virginia | 16.4 | 34.4 | 50.8 | 16.7 | 40.1 | 56.7 |
| Washington | 13.8 | 27.3 | 41.1 | 14.3 | 32.2 | 46.4 |
| West Virginia | 9.3 | 20.3 | 29.6 | 9.4 | 23.6 | 33.0 |
| Wisconsin | 19.5 | 38.7 | 58.2 | 19.8 | 45.2 | 65.0 |
| Wyoming | 8.2 | 17.7 | 25.9 | 8.5 | 20.6 | 29.1 |
| Hawaii | 3.9 | ..... | 3.9 | 4.0 | None | 4.0 |
| District of Columbia | 5.1 | 10.6 | 15.7 | 5.2 | 12.4 | 17.6 |
| Puerto Rico | 5.9 | ..... | 5.9 | 60.1 | None | 6.1 |
| Alaska | 13.2 | ..... | 13.2 | 13.4 | None | 13.4 |
| Totals | $850.0 | $1,700.0 | $2,550.0 | $875.0 | $2,000.0 | $2,875.0 |

Last week's allocation of funds is the last automatic apportionment of federal money to be made under the 1956 Highway Act—the law that set up the 15-year program.

Next year's allocations—for fiscal 1960—will be on a different basis, established by the 1956 law, for interstate construction.

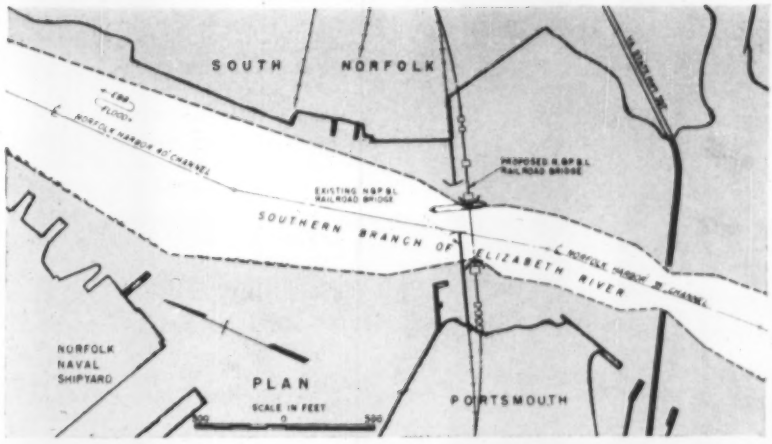
For the other federal-aid roads—primary and secondary, with their urban connections—Congress will have to pass new legislation at the next session. It is almost a certainty that Congress will increase the funds for this construction.

Interstate allocations, on the other hand, will automatically switch to a new basis for fiscal 1960. Beginning with that year, the law requires that interstate funds be apportioned in relation to need, defined as the proportionate cost of completing the interstate mileage in each state.

Revised estimates of these costs have been worked up by the states during the last eight months. The new figures are now being assembled by BPR for delivery to Congress by Jan. 2, the final day set by law.

Earlier estimates by the states in 1954 resulted in an overall cost estimate of $27 million for the 40,000 mile system. Rising construction costs and a better understanding of 1957 design standards by the highway departments are expected to revise the total upward to between $35 billion and $40 billion when the new figures are added up. Some states have found their 1954 estimates to be much too low, but a few states have been able to cut their earlier cost totals.

One thing is sure. The apportionment for fiscal 1960 will be a little less than the total allocated last week. According to Treasury estimates, the flow of highway user taxes into the federal highway trust fund will permit apportionment of no more than $2.5 billion for fiscal 1960, as compared with last week's total of $2.875 billion. Assuming that Congress sets primary, secondary and urban allotments at $900 million for fiscal 1960, the amount available for interstate construction will drop to $1.6 billion from the $2 billion going out for fiscal 1959. This $1.6 billion would be $600 million less than the $2.2 billion authorized for interstate construction in fiscal 1960, but funds would be lacking to finance that total. The slack would be taken up, in later years by extending the program (ENR April 11, p. 21).

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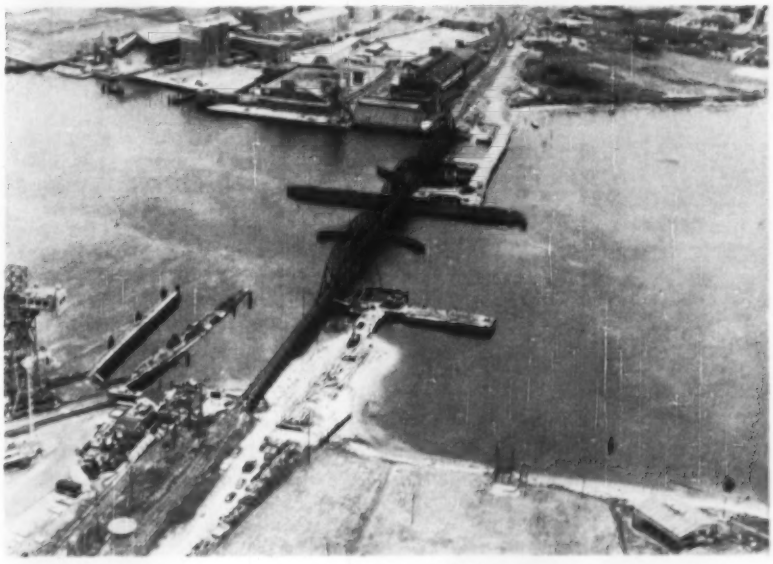


# . . . Old One Menaces Navigation

A railroad bridge crossing the southern branch of the Elizabeth River between Norfolk and Portsmouth, long outmoded and considered a menace to navigation, is now being replaced at a cost of more than $2.7 million.

The existing swing bridge, owned by the Norfolk-Portsmouth Belt Line Railroad Co. of Norfolk, was completed in 1898. It was ordered altered because its narrow opening and "gross misalignment" with the opening in a highway bridge 1,350 ft upstream and its misalignment with the channel was considered a serious obstruction and hazard to navigation.

Under plans prepared by the railroad, the replacement will be a new vertical lift-type bridge, with a horizontal clearance of 300 ft between fenders, and a vertical clearance of 145 ft at mean high water in the open position. The lift span itself will be 383 ft long. Centerline of the new structure will be 140 ft west, and upstream of the existing bridge. The lift towers will be approximately 179 ft high, measured from the top of the bridge piers.

The railroad will pay about $390,000 as its share of the cost of alteration.

• **Work progress**—Work was divided into two phases—the substructure and grading of approaches, and erection of the superstructure. The first phase, awarded to Lang Construction Co. of Hampton in November, 1955, is now more than 93% complete. A contract for the superstructure, laying track and removing the superstructure of the old bridge was awarded to American Bridge Co. in July, 1956, but no steel is expected to be erected before the fall of this year.

Major accidents have occurred, in 1939 and in 1943. Damage to the highway bridge amounted to $440,000, and considerable loss accrued, due to the blocking of the channel. Since 1943, 42 minor accidents have taken place at the railroad bridge. Extraordinary precautions, such as special pilot service and additional tugs, have had to be used for many years to effect the movement of large vessels. These services have cost shipping interests an estimated $300,000 annually.

# Bridge-Tunnel Pushed

### North-south route across Chesapeake Bay approved

Armed with an engineering report, the Chesapeake Bay Ferry Commission has approved a north-south route for a proposed bridge-tunnel across lower Chesapeake Bay.

The route, recommended by Wilbur Smith & Associates, of New Haven, Conn., would connect Kiptopeke on the DelMarVa peninsula to the north, with a point near Little Creek, just outside Norfolk, Va. It would almost exactly follow the route of the existing ferry line.

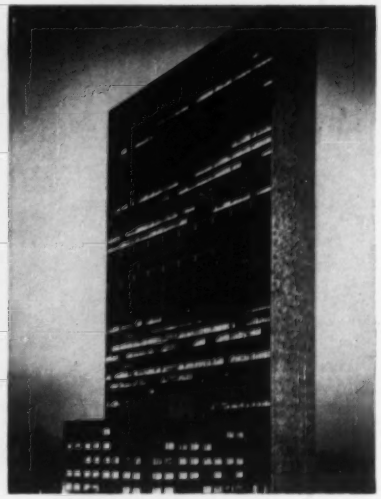
Cost of the project as estimated by Sverdrup and Parcel of St. Louis, Mo., would be $144 million. The over-all length of structure between these two points would be 93,100 ft.

Plans for some sort of a physical connection between the peninsula and the mainland of Virginia have been under discussion for many years, but only recently have reached the stage of active consideration. The engineering studies were made under an appropriation by the Ferry Commission with authorization from the Virginia legislature.

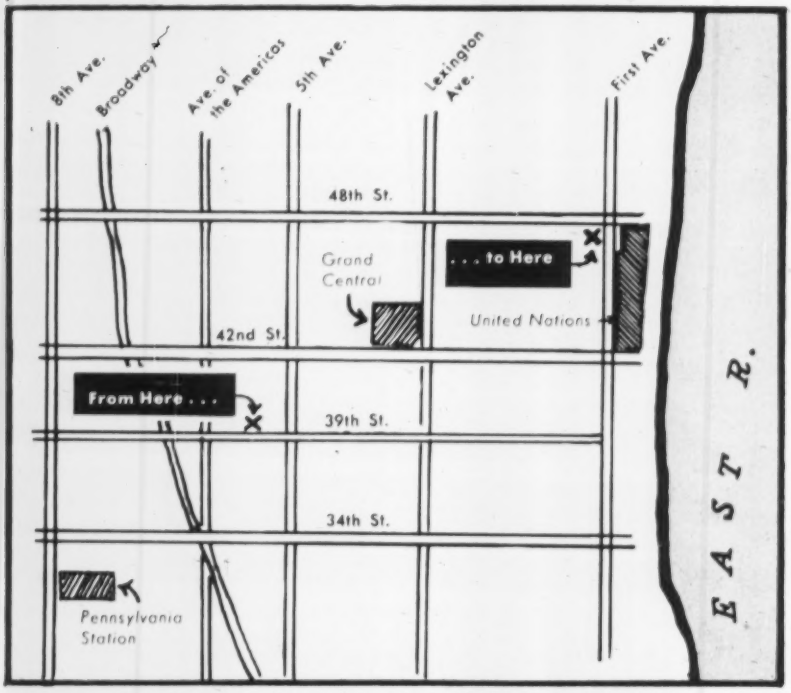
The traffic survey considered two routes for the connection; one, the north-south route recommended, the other running from Kiptopeke to the mainland at Buckroe Beach, near Hampton. Cost of this second facility, which would be 99,800 ft in length, was estimated at $115.6 million. Extra cost of the north-south route would be chargeable to the need for a deep tunnel beneath Thimble Shoal channel, to provide adequate clearance for Navy installations at Norfolk.

The north-south route would include high level bridges over North and Baltimore channels with the remainder of the structure on a trestle. If the east-west route had been chosen, high level bridges would be required also over North and Baltimore channels, with a third structure near the peninsula itself.

**FROM** the crowded garment-center atmosphere of 39th St. . . .



**TO** the UN's neighborhood and a view of the East River.




**A move uptown and to the East Side is indicated as . . .**

# Engineers Buy Headquarters Site

United Engineering Trustees, Inc., has announced purchase of 37,500 sq ft of land in an improved, and still improving, section of New York City for a price near $2.7 million. It is to be assumed, of course, that this means the familiar old 29 W. 39th St. of Engineering Societies Headquarters will sometime in the now foreseeable future change to some address (possibly 850) on United Nations Plaza, as First Ave. is known for its six block length facing the UN.

The site purchased is an entire block front along the avenue, 150 ft deep on 47th St. and 225 ft deep on 48th St.

UET has owned and operated the 29 W. 39th St. property since it was built in 1906 with a gift from Andrew Carnegie of slightly over $1 million. Within UET the five major engineering societies (civil, electrical, mechanical, mining and chemical) will be associated in development of the new property. These five groups with a total membership of some 175,000 engineers are expected to be joined by other engineering societies in the new headquarters structure to be built.

Purchase of the site was hailed locally this week as final ratification of the engineering societies' decision to find needed larger quarters in New York, rather than moving to some other city.

Shreve, Lamb & Harmon Associates have been the architects on the preliminary plans.

## First Water Spills Over Bull Shoals Dam

Water poured over the spillway of the 5-year-old, $75 million Bull Shoals Dam in North-Central Arkansas for the first time last week.

Rains of April, May and June filled the White River reservoir with more than 2 million acre-ft of water, which the Corps of Engineers is releasing at the rate of about 50,000 acre-ft a day.

The water elevation reached a record 247.4 ft—0.6 ft from the top of the spillway gates.

The Engineers would like to release most of the overload, but the problem isn't that simple. The snag is rainbow trout in the river below the dam. They like water temperature in the 60-65 F range. During the first part of the spillway overflow, the water temperature rose to 70 F before the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission objected. Now the Engineers must juggle water releases to stabilize the pressures on the dam—and please the trout.

## Flood Waters Hit Las Vegas As Three Small Dams Fail

A flash flood ripped out three Gallinas River dams in northeastern New Mexico and sent an estimated 90 million gallons of water rushing through Las Vegas, N. M., this Monday, Aug. 5.

Las Vegas escaped flooding as river banks through the city of 14,000 held, but a dozen homes upstream and 25 or 30 houses downstream were flooded. Early warnings by law enforcement officers and National Guardsmen were credited with preventing loss of life. Damage to property and livestock was reported heavy.

The water struck swiftly, shortly after midnight. By mid-morning Monday the flood danger had abated. However, the Gallinas was still carrying its heaviest flow in years.

The dams, built by the Santa Fe Railway to provide ice ponds more than 50 years ago, were of masonry and wood construction and had been used lately as a supplementary source of domestic water for Las Vegas. The masonry held but wooden portions gave way to the rush of waters when hit by a 2¼ in. upstream rain.

## "Sneak" Bridge Crosses River, Officials Too

Officials of two states and the federal government are still gasping over the discovery a couple of weeks ago that a new 410 ft long bridge exists over the Colorado River—without benefit of permission from anybody—and that its owners are charging tolls for use.

The bridge was "discovered" when owners of small boats complained that it was impeding their navigation. Investigation showed that a group of farmers—seeking a shorter route between the farmlands on the Arizona side of the river and processing plants on the California side—had built their structure at a point midway between Blythe, Calif., and Yuma, Ariz. The structure cost $50,000, and its owners were hauling produce over it, charging other users up to $2 per vehicle, and figuring to pay off their costs in a year or so. The steel beam structure with a timber plank roadway stands on well-casings sunk to bedrock and filled with concrete.

Discovery of the bridge brought action from six agencies (Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army, Bureau of Reclamation, Arizona and California Highway Departments, California Toll Bridge Authority). Result: The owners were ordered to modify the structure to conform with navigational requirements, and to see that its roughly 10 ft clearance over mean water doesn't conflict with flood-control requirements.

## State Wins on Right-of-Way

The Vermont Supreme Court has cited public safety as the "critical element" in determining whether "reasonable necessity" exists in acquiring land for the interstate road system.

The decision was an apparent victory for the state in its efforts to speed construction of new highways. Under existing law (ENR Dec. 27, 1956, p. 20), appeals could be taken on condemnation proceedings on the grounds of necessity as well as on grounds of damage. In this provision highway administrators saw delays mounting into years on acquisition of highway right-of-way.

In upholding the state on all points in land dispute, Associate Justic Benjamin N. Hulburd said there is no validity to the argument that "the state doesn't have to take my land" if there is other land available.

"If imperative or absolute necessity were the test, there would be no practical way in which the crooked road could be made straight," Justice Hulburd wrote.

John D. Latchis of Brattleboro and his brother, Spero, were turned down on both major issues in their appeal to the Supreme Court. One involved the necessity of taking land for the interstate project and the other protested $10,000 damages awarded by road commissioners and upheld by Superior Julge Percy L. Shangraw in Windham County Court.

Justic Hulburd's opinion, joined in unanimously by the other four justices, said the "overall necessity" was established and recognized by the 1955 Legislature in adopting the limited access bill and authorizing the inter-

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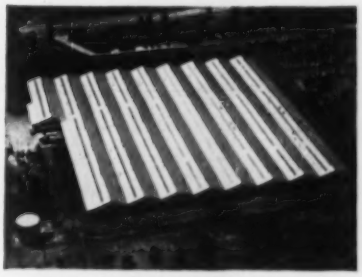

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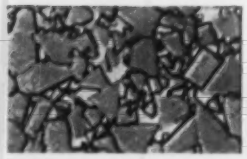

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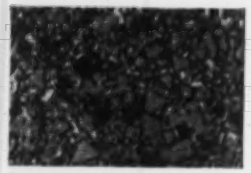

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state road project. (ENR Dec. 1956, p. 20)

The only remaining question, the court said, is whether the taking of the particular land under dispute is "reasonably necessary" for the accomplishment of the ends envisioned by the legislature.

In effect, the Supreme Court held that the state need show only "reasonable necessity" and not "imperative or absolute" necessity.

"To justify the taking," the decision said, "the interest of the state must require it, and it must be shown so, but only to the extent it is reasonably necessary to accomplish the end in view after weighing all the circumstances which bear on any given situation."

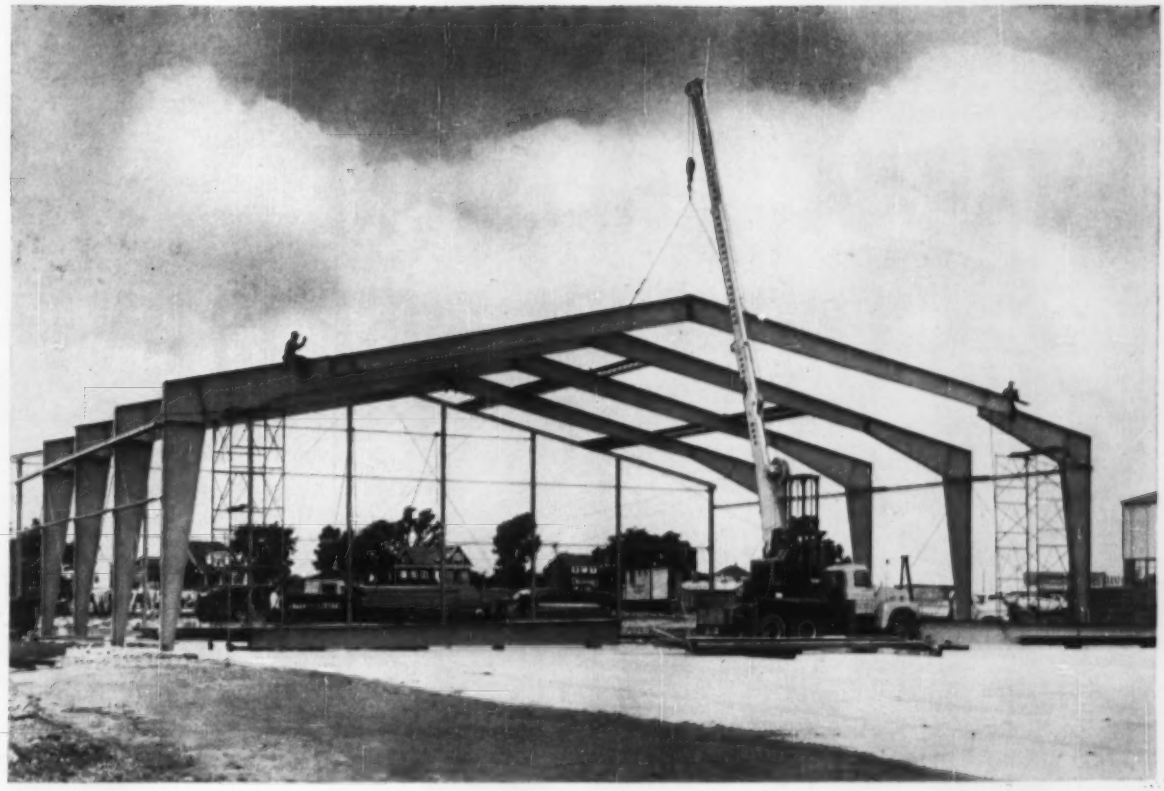
Justice Hulburd said that in determining whether reasonable necessity exists with respect to highways, "public safety has become the critical element." The Supreme Court found ample testimony, Justice Hulburd wrote, that an alternative route suggested by the Latchis brothers "failed of approval by state and federal authorities on account of its highway safety."

## —Briefs—

• **Heat pump uses below freezing air**—Heating of the Sylvania Electric Products, Inc., research and development center, now being built at Amherst, N. Y., will be accomplished by a heat-pump system that will extract heat from outside air even at below-freezing temperatures. A compound-compression air-source heat pump will both heat the 90,000 sq ft, 2½ story building in cold weather and cool it in the summer. The system has a cooling capacity of 250 tons and heating capacity of 2.4 million Btu per hour. Hot or chilled water is circulated to the air-conditioning units by two 25 hp. pumps. Architect and engineer for the building is J. Fruchtbaum, Buffalo, N. Y. John W. Cowper Co., Inc., Buffalo, is the general contractor.

• **Shopping center bisects valley**—Work is scheduled to start soon on an unusual $5 million, 20 acre, shopping center at Little Rock. Richard W. Kroh & Associates, architects for the project, instead of leveling a small valley cutting across the site, took full advantage of the terrain by coming up with a design that added three acres for parking.

This was done by designing the main building, containing 243,000 sq ft of floor space, as a 3 story building at the center of the valley and reducing it to 1 story as it approaches the hills on either side. A parking area in the center of the valley was given a roof on which cars are parked. This roof deck is level with the hilltops and adds room for about 400 cars.



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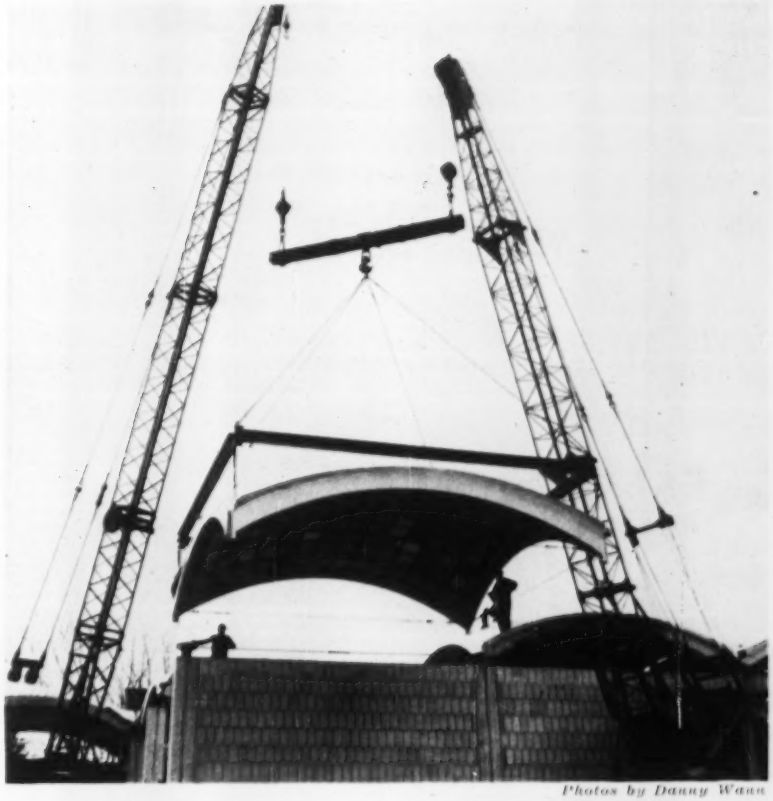
***BETTER RUBBER FROM START TO FINISH***

**Circular translational shells, 24 ft square and 6½ ft high, checkered on the underside with insulating blocks cast into the concrete, comprise both roof and ceiling of a supermarket in New Canaan, Conn.**



*Photos by Danny Wann*

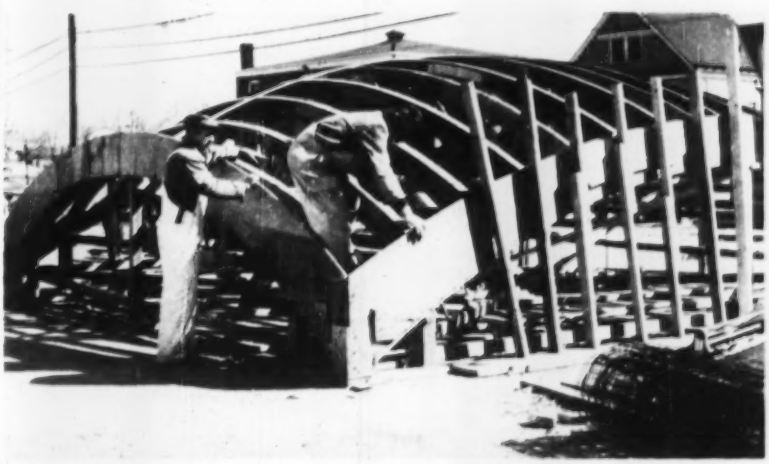
# Precast Concrete Bubbles Roof a Market

An eye-catching cluster of concrete "bubbles" roofs a new supermarket in New Canaan, Conn. Looking a little like a giant version of the familiar molded paper egg carton, a dozen of the precast cells are arranged in a 3 x 4 grid to cover the 96 x 72 ft area of the building.

The roof played an important role in holding costs down to a fairly economical level. Insulation was cast right into the underside of the concrete, and the curved inside surfaces of the shells are exposed as the finished ceiling. Including air conditioning, the building cost $13.25 per sq ft.

In plan the shells are 24 ft square. Viewed in elevation, the four sides are circular arches 24 ft in span and 3¼ ft high. The crown of the shell rises an additional 3¼ ft, giving the side view a total height of 6½ ft. The edge arches, instead of standing plumb, lean slightly toward the interior of the shell.

• **Easy to form**—Geometrically speaking the shells are surfaces of translation

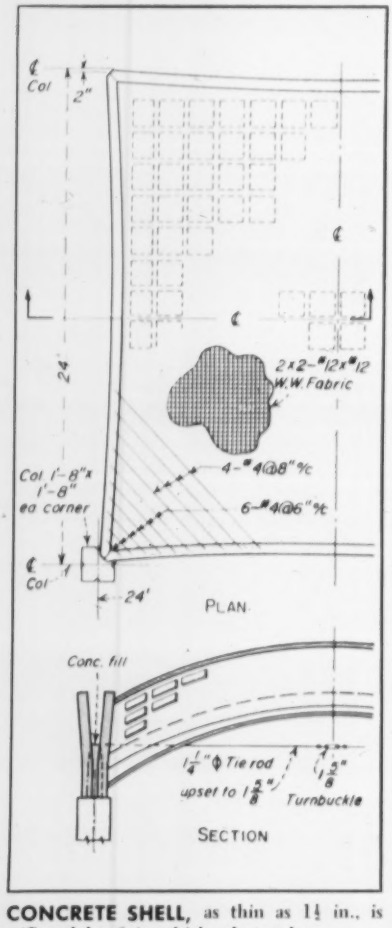


**FALSEWORK FOR SHELLS** consisted of curved wood ribs 18 in. c-c fitted within a border of plywood forms for the edge arches. Forms were shop built and trucked to site.

**INSULATION BLOCKS** were laid on forms, cast into the underside of shells.

## . . . Concrete shells were precast on the job site

**TWO CRANES ERECTED** the shells at the rate of two per day. Both rigs worked on each lift, picking up the 13¼ ton shells by means of lifting eyes embedded at the corners.




**CONCRETE SHELL,** as thin as 1½ in., is stiffened by 6 in. thick edge arches.

(generated by a curve moving through space with translational motion). This type of surface is peculiarly adaptable to construction in concrete because all cross sections parallel to the generating curve repeat the shape of that curve. This means, of course, that the formwork can be supported by a succession of identically shaped members.

The generating curve for the shells for this job is a vertical circular arc with a 24 ft chord and 3¼ ft middle ordinate—which also is the elevation of the edge arch. The translational path followed by any point on the arc is an identical circular arc in a vertical plane at right angles to the plane of the generating curve. Consequently, all cross sections parallel to a side of the shell have the same shape.

• **Form construction**—Curved wood ribs spaced about 18 in. c-c were used by the contractor in building the forms. Each rib consisted of three pieces of 2 x 10 or 2 x 12 board, bandsawed to the required curvature and spliced end to end with nailed plywood splice plates. Edge beams were formed with plywood.

The Wenzel Co., Stamford (Conn.) contractor who built the supermarket, constructed the forms in his shop. He assembled the edge-beam forms first and then fitted in the ribs, which had the same curvature but varied slightly in length because of the inclination of the edge arches. At the site the form assemblies were shored up by additional supports under the ribs.

• **Insulating form liners**—Before casting the shells, the contractor installed roof-insulation blocks directly on the forms. These wood-fiber-concrete blocks, 16 x 16 x 2½ in., were placed 3 in. apart, and 3 x ½ in. boards were laid in the spaces between.

Then, after the reinforcing steel was in place, concrete was placed to a depth of 1½ in. over the insulation. This created a shell with a grid of 3 in. ribs. (Rib strength was not considered, however, in the shell design.) The edge arches are 6 in. wide and vary in depth from 12 in. at the center to 18 in. at the haunch.

Reinforcement of the shells consists of 2 x 2 in. welded wire fabric over the entire shell and ten No. 4 bars placed diagonally across each corner. A lifting eye was also embedded at each corner.

• **Erection**—Two cranes worked together to erect the shells. The rigs jointly hoisted an equalizer bar from whose center a square steel spreader frame—approximately the same size as the shell—was suspended by four cables. The 13¼ ton shell was hung, in turn, from the corners of the frame.

The shell underside—exposed ribs and insulating blocks—comprises the finished ceiling. Outside, the shells are covered with a three-coat waterproofing membrane of acrylic plastic paint.

The roof is drained by pipes in the center of interior columns and scuppers around the perimeter.

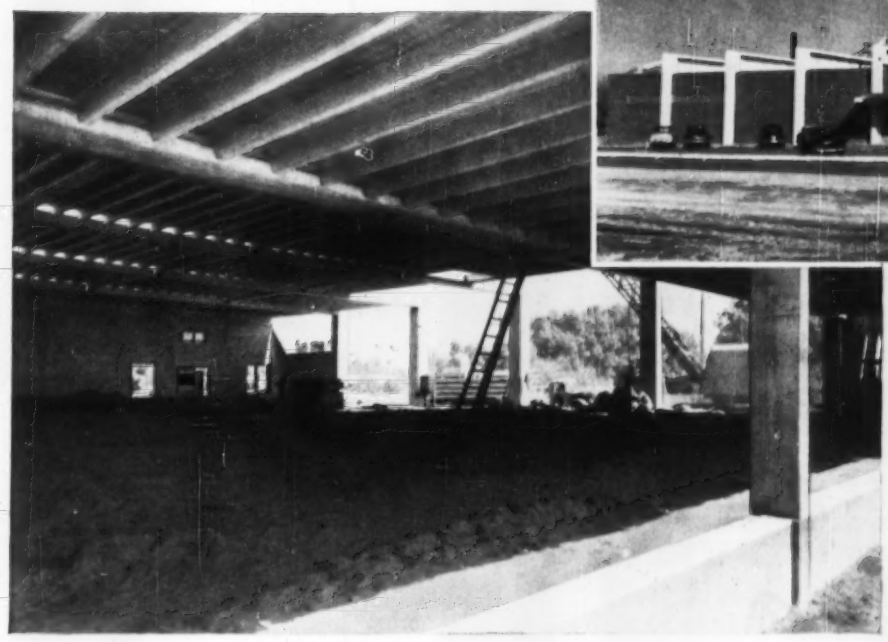
• **Lens-shaped skylights**—Inclined as they are, the edge arches of adjacent shells lean away from one another, thus creating lens-shaped openings. Covered with translucent reinforced plastic, the openings serve as skylights.

Where one side of a shell is also the boundary of the roof, a small concrete canopy was cast in place on the outside face of the edge arch to make the profile vertical.

Wall construction is concrete block—8 x 8 x 16 in. units, laid vertically, with tooled joints. Floors are concrete.

The building was designed for Walter Stewart, of New Canaan, by Victor Christ-Janer & Associates, New Canaan architects. The structural design was handled by the New York City firm of Paul Weidlinger, Consulting Engineer, Mario Salvadori, Associate. Matthys Levy was engineer in charge for the consulting firm. In charge of the job for the Wenzel Co. were Philip Kiernan, field supervisor, and Louis Iorio, job foreman.

Prof. Salvadori, in designing the shells, drew on experience acquired in designing and testing translational shells for a number of Italian projects (Analysis and Testing of Translational Shells, Title No. 52-64, Journal of the American Concrete Institute, June, 1956).



Above: Front and side view of the nearly completed Safeway Store built in Midvale, Utah.

Left: Interior of the store showing precast concrete channel roof slabs placed on lower flange of the main prestressed concrete roof beams.

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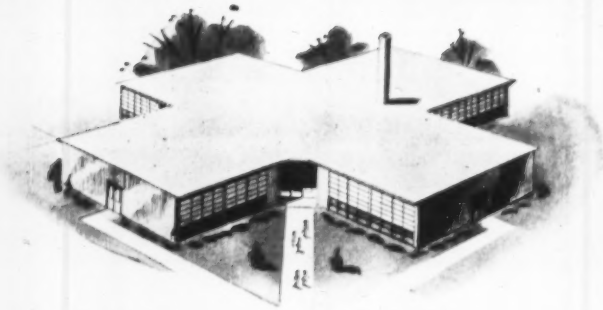

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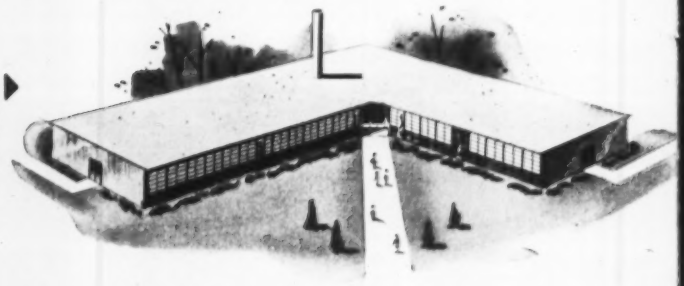

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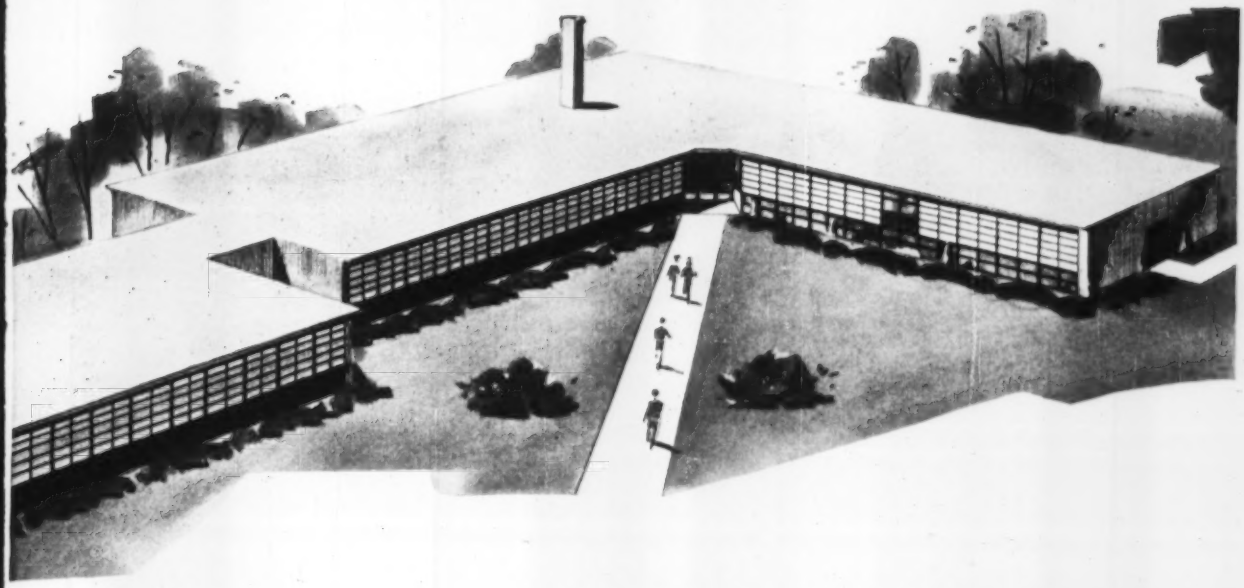

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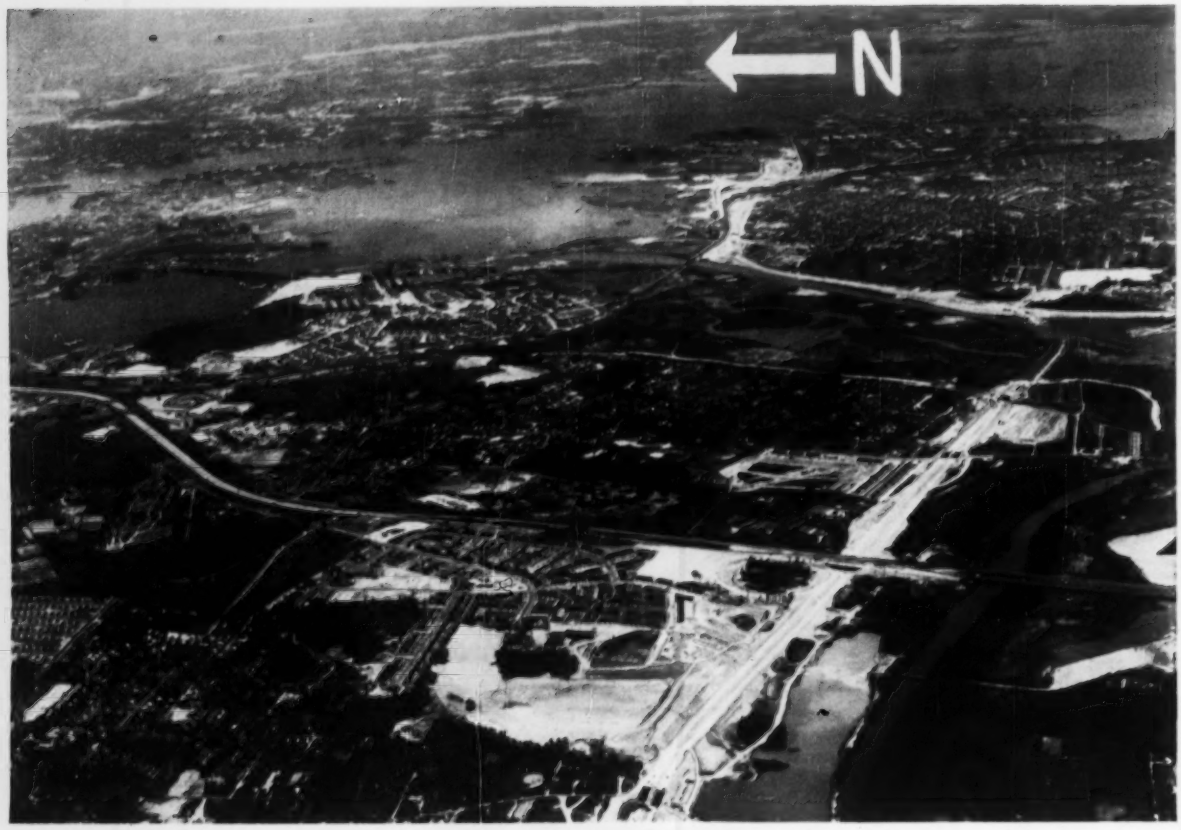
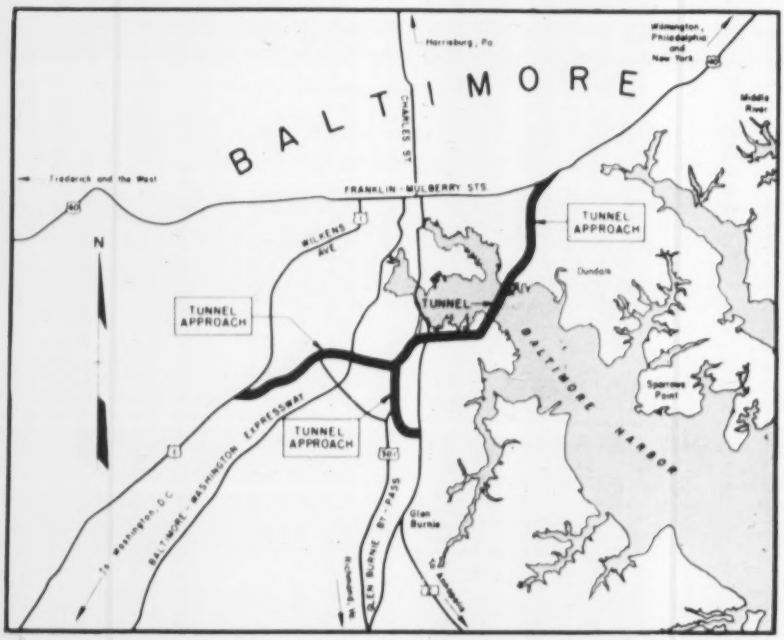



**THE WHOLE STORY of efforts to move traffic quickly through Baltimore and its sprawl of suburbs is visible in map and picture above. Tunnel will cross Patapsco River at upper center of photo, and with approaches, provides clear running on controlled access highways from northeast to southwest sides of city.**




# Swath Takes

Given no better than an even break on the weather and on the materials supply situation, Baltimore should have its new tunnel under the Patapsco River —and a good part of the roads leading to it—functioning by late December.

Under construction since about April, 1955, the $130 million job is a major key to an elaborate plan aimed at easing the city's chronic traffic jams—a situation brought about by the thick clustering of industrial and older residential areas around the three principal arms of the placid Patapsco (ENR April 19, 1956, p.58).

After somewhat more than two years of construction work, Baltimore's biggest unscrambling operation stood this way in mid-July:

• All but three of the 21 twin tube sections for the 7,650 ft tunnel under the Patapsco had been floated out and sunk into place in a deep underwater trench. The remaining tubes—fitted out for sinking—awaited completion of work on the trench, and are expected to be in place by the end of August.

**TUNNEL** comes up for air in slip at center of photo, with north side ventilation building offset to left of cut-and-cover section.

**WHOLE BLOCK** of Baltimore's famous row houses has disappeared to make room for northern approach road.

# Shape Through Baltimore's Traffic Maze

• While work on placing the final tubes goes on, workmen have opened up most of the tubes already placed, and are rushing with finishing work inside, including tile, casting of the upper ceiling invert and installing wiring.

• The ventilation buildings on both sides of the river are nearly complete as to structure, and work on installing fans and other equipment, and completion of architectural details is going ahead rapidly.

• Work is going ahead full blast on the roughly 16 miles of principal approach roads and the many structures that are part of them—including an unusual quarter-mile-long K-truss bridge over a railroad yard near the south entrance to the tunnel. Approach work, overall, is about 70% completed.

• And parts of the $40 million circumferential "Beltway"—which, with the tunnel approaches will form a rough circle around the city—are already in use, other parts are under construction. (The entire Beltway system is scheduled for completion by 1965.)

A total of 14 prime contractors (and several dozen subs) are at work on the 22 contract sections that cover the tunnel itself and its approaches.

• **Tunnel moves**—Most spectacular—though least visible to the general public—is the progress on the underwater tunnel itself, key to the whole project. At one stroke, completion of the tunnel will eliminate miles of circuitous travel on city streets now necessary to get around the three principal arms of the Patapsco, and cut travel time through the city (a near must for north-south traffic between Washington and New York) from more than an hour to a matter of a few minutes.

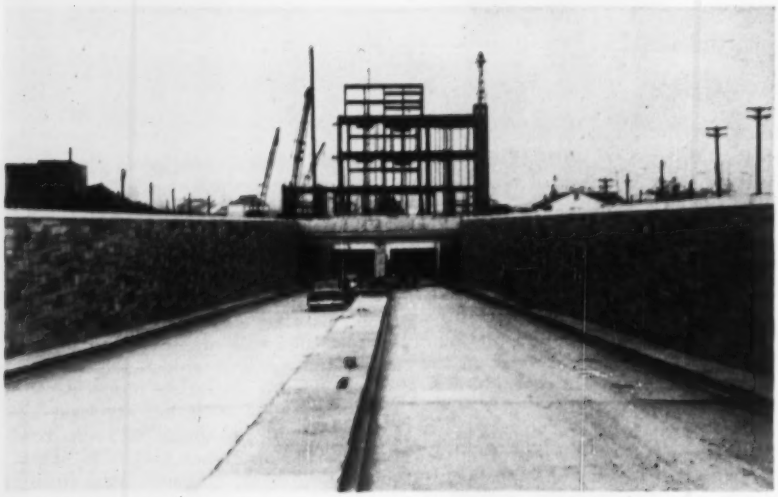
The big underwater passage will be by far the largest ever built by the trench method. Its length will be made up of 21 twin-tube steel sections, each 300 ft long, and each of the two tubes being 33 ft in diameter (there is some variation—a matter of inches—in the diameter, depending on anticipated pressures where a tube is place).

The tube sections rest in an underwater trench, 70 ft wide at the bottom, cut by floating dredges to proper depth, then backfilled with a 2 ft layer of selected sand and gravel to serve as a portion of this trench is 103 ft below bed. To provide clearance for a future 50 ft channel at midstream, the deepest mean water level (the tide differential in the Patapsco is slightly over 1 ft, and there is nearly no current at all).

• **Dredging problem**—It was in the final dredging that Merritt, Chapman & Scott—which holds the general contract for the tunnel itself and for the foundations for one of the ventilation structures—and its dredging subcontractor, Arundel Corp. of Baltimore, ran into difficulties that have caused a delay in the placement of the last four tube sections.

The difficulties were concerned with the uncovering of very hard material and some thin strata of rock at a depth of about 80 ft below the water surface. The rock is a low-grade iron-ore bearing

**VENTILATION BUILDING,** brick faced over concrete, straddles southern tunnel portal, will house some offices as well as fans.



**SOUTHERN PORTAL** of 4 lane tube was nearly complete in early spring, while steel framework of ventilation structure was being erected.

lime formation, which may be found in the area around Baltimore, according to engineers, occurring in sheets or layers that sometimes are as much as several feet in thickness.

With a number of the big tubes already in place, and, because of the very heavy ship traffic in the river, blasting was ruled out. Final answer, developed by Arundel, was a 17 ton steel "chisel", hung on the end of the dredge boom in place of the bucket, and dropped repeatedly to chip out the rock layers as they were encountered. An orange-peel dredge bucket followed the "chisel" to clean out the muck.

The process was necessarily slow—production of material fell as low as 250 cu yds per 8-hour shift on some days—and meanwhile, the remaining four tube sections were completed at the outfitting dock and floated out into the stream. Floating with slightly more than a foot projecting above the water, the huge double barrels are moored in a protected spot downstream, awaiting final placement.

Otherwise, according to Grover Denny, MC&S project manager on the job, the work has gone smoothly enough. Unlike shield-driven tunnels, the Patapsco tubes are much more than half completed when they are placed in the river. And as soon as torches cut through the connecting bulkheads, finishing crews can go to work despite the fact that the tunnel is not complete.

First step, after the tubes are opened up, is to pour the ceiling invert—a 6 in. slab, which increases to 12 in. at the center section. As in most conventional tunnel operations, the ceiling slab is cast atop telescoping movable forms, which are first lined with the facing tile that will form the surface of the ceiling. Some minor difficuty has developed here in making the tile adhere to the concrete—the slab and its reinforcing is too thin to permit vibration of the concrete, hence occasional voids occur, and the tile drops off on removal of the form. This has not been a serious matter, but does occasion re-working some small areas to re-fix the tile.

Another problem involving hand labor is the matter of exposing the dowels that tie the ceiling slab to the sidewalls. The sidewalls and the entire 20 to 24 in. thick inner concrete lining of the tube (along with the floor slab) is cast while the tube is in the outfitting dock, before it is placed under water

Because of the curvature of the wall at the springline, the contractor found it impossible to adjust his steel forms to permit the steel dowels to remain exposed—and so bent them flush with the tunnel wall, and cast them into the wall concrete. After the tube is placed and opened, workmen with chip hammers must go through, chipping away the concrete covering the dowels, then bending the dowels outward for the bond with the ceiling.

As of mid-July, 18 tubes had been placed—15 from the south side, 3 from the northern (Canton) side. Thirteen of the southerly sections had been opened and finishing crews were at work in them.

Original plans called for brick pavement, but a decision now has been made to construct the pavement of bituminous concrete over the reinforced portland cement concrete base.

• **Land sections**—On the north side of the tunnel, the approach road plunges through the yards of the Canton Railroad, over two other railroads and then through a heavily built-up residential and small business area, all the way to a junction with the Pulaski Highway (U.S. 40).

Much of this section will be carried as a depressed roadway, with structures at every intersection to provide for local streets. Problems for C. J. Langenfelder & Son. Co., Inc., of Baltimore, Wright Contracting Co. of Columbus, Ga., Square Construction Co. of Baltimore and McLean Contracting Co. of Baltimore—who hold prime contracts aggre-

gating more than $19.6 million for the roughly 4½ mile section to the tunnel portal—are quite typical of big-city construction work anywhere. Heavy local traffic must be maintained during construction operations, and utilities of every description must be moved but kept in full operating order.

Fortunately, there is little rock excavation in the section—excepting for the occasional sheets of "limeinite" similar to those found in the tunnel trench. Most of this can be handled by jackhammer or headache ball. No blasting has been necessary.

• **South side**—On the south (Fairfield) side of the tunnel, the approaches cut through an industrial area immediately surrounding the river, and move quickly into what can pass for open country in an area so well urbanized as that between Baltimore and Washington, D. C., 40 miles to the south.

Work here—in addition to innumerable structures to carry local roads and eight major interchanges—involves two sizeable structures. One is over the growing B&O yards not far from the tunnel portal. The other is over the Patapsco River itself in a swampy area well upstream of the bay area.

The K-truss designed to cross the yards (see next page) is on a 45 deg skew, and contains two principal spans, one of 516 ft and one of 451 ft in length, and will cost more than $3 million.

The bridge over the Patapsco is not a major structure in the sense of its length or weight, but it is unique in its design. Of conventional girder-and-beam design, it has an overall length of 2,380 ft between abutments.

But the 478 ft of bridge carrying the west approach expressway over the stream is supported on piers, each consisting of three individual pile clusters.

The center cluster consists of a total of nine piles, three driven vertically and six radially on 1:4 slope. The cap on this cluster is a reinforced concrete slab 8 ft square and 4 ft thick.

The two other clusters that make up each pier consist of 6 radial piles, battered on a 1:4 slope, and topped by a triangular cap with rounded corners, having two sides of 8 ft 8 in., and one nominal side of 10 ft, and a cap thickness of 4 ft.

All piles supporting the structure are steel H bearing piles. Piles that form the clusters of the river piers are 57 lb 10 in. steel H bearing piles, about 70 ft long, and encased with a galvanized wire fabric-reinforced concrete cover, extending from 1 ft below the mud line to the caps. The encasement, with about a 20 in. diameter, was formed by paper forms, slipped over the outside of the steel piles.

**TUBE NO. 14** for underwater section floats nearly awash, awaiting final positioning and sinking. Towers affixed to tubes serve as guides for exact positioning.

**INSIDE WORK** starts with welders, here burning out bulkheads that seal tunnel sections during outfitting and sinking operations. Finishing operations follow.

**PILE CLUSTER** supports are features of bridge carrying main southern approach across upper reaches of the Patapsco, where long approach structure is necessary because of swamp.

Transverse floor beams rest on bearing shoes atop the three capped pile clusters to complete the river piers. Wide flange steel longitudinal stringers with cover plates frame in to the pier floor beams to carry the bridge.

The longitudinal span lengths of the portion of the bridge over the stream are 50, 56 and 65 ft.

The bridge, part of a major interchange, will carry the approach road southwestward to a major junction with the Baltimore-Washington Expressway, and end at the old Washington Boulevard (U.S. Route 1).

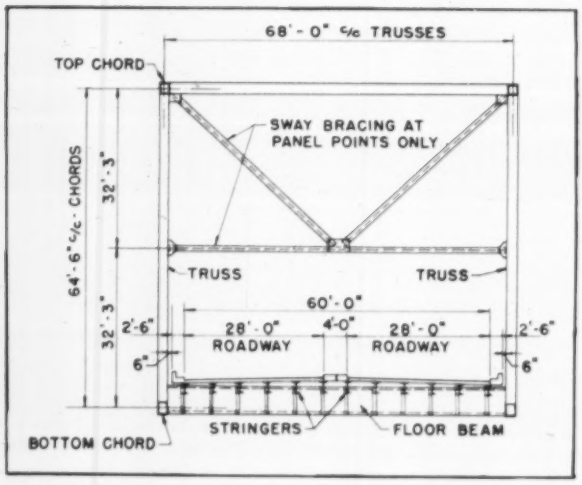
Most of the rest of the southerly tunnel approach is a major earthmoving operation, with a total of about 7.7 million cu yd to be moved over the 10 mile distance. The earthmoving has had an effect on surrounding land values—at one point, where an entire hill was cut away for fill, a brand new housing development and shopping center is springing up.

Eight prime contracts, totaling more than $27.2 million cover this section.

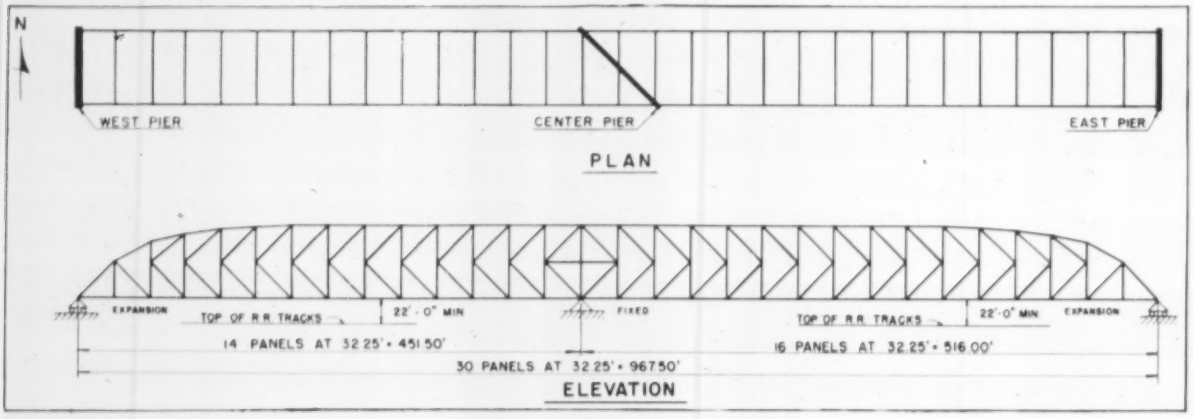
The J. E. Greiner Co. of Baltimore is consulting engineer to the Maryland State Roads Commission, which is the owner of the whole project. Norman M. Pritchett is chief engineer for the commission, and Walter C. Hopkins, deputy chief engineer, serves as liaison engineer on the work.

Because of the state's ownership—with no intervening authority or commission—financing of the tunnel is tied in with the three other state-owned toll facilities: The Chesapeake Bay Bridge, the bridge at Havre De Grace and the Potomac Bridge. Original plans called for a 35 cent toll for automobiles, with truck rates graduated upward to 85 cents. However, recent road commission announcements have indicated that the tunnel toll for private vehicles may be upped to 40 cents or more, with the hope that the present $1.40 toll on the Chesapeake bridge can be reduced.

**TRUSS BRIDGE** on Baltimore highway is K-type, with verticals braced at midheight by the diagonals.




**WIND BRACING** is normal, as shown in cross section, though the center pier of the continuous trusses is skewed.




# K-Truss Carries Highway over Railroad

Through trusses for highway bridges have become a rarity in recent years because of the desirability of unobstructed views for motorists crossing them. But for several reasons, an approach to the Baltimore Harbor Tunnel will span the nearby Baltimore and Ohio Railroad classification yard on a through-truss bridge.

The main members of this bridge are K-trusses—also a type not seen frequently. Furthermore, they are continuous over two spans.

One of the major considerations leading to the selection of this type of construction was the restriction placed by the B&O on pier location. The railroad allowed only one pier in the 1,000 ft long area, and this pier had to be skewed 45 deg, to fit between existing tracks and a large sanitary trunk sewer.

Tied arches could not be used, the designers report, because they would have required portals skewed at 45 deg at the center pier, as well as top-chord wind bracing varying from 45 deg skews at the center pier to zero at the ends. In addition, either extensive falsework would have been needed for erecting the arches or foundations capable of taking large lateral forces.

The 516 and 451 ft spans needed made continuous trusses desirable, because of convenience of cantilever erection, greater rigidity of structure, economy of material and labor, normal wind bracing and portals (obtained by carrying top chords of both trusses parallel over the skewed center pier), and a low silhouette. (The last was wanted because the bridge clears the yard by an average of 23 ft. Two-span continuous trusses gave the lowest possible structure.)

The K-truss was chosen, the designers say, because secondary stresses are low and there is no need for short struts as would be required for trusses with subdivided panels. Panel lengths set by the center-pier skew and truss-depth requirements resulted in web members on a desirable 45 deg slope.

The riveted trusses are constructed of structural and low-alloy steel. They are supported at the center pier on a fixed bearing and at end piers on rocker-type expansion bearings. The reinforced concrete piers, in turn, rest on 100 ft long steel H-piles.

The deck, designed for composite action with I-beam stringers, is a concrete-filled steel grid with bituminous topping. The stringers span 32 ft between 6 ft deep plate-girder floorbeams at truss panel points.

Whitman, Requardt & Associates, consulting engineers, Baltimore, designed the $2.5 million bridge.

Material Quantities:

| Material | Location | Tons |
|---|---|---|
| Structural steel | K-trusses | 1,950 |
| Low-alloy steel | K-trusses | 460 |
| Structural steel | Deck framing | 1,275 |
| Steel castings | Truss bearings | 55 |
| Total | | 3,740 |

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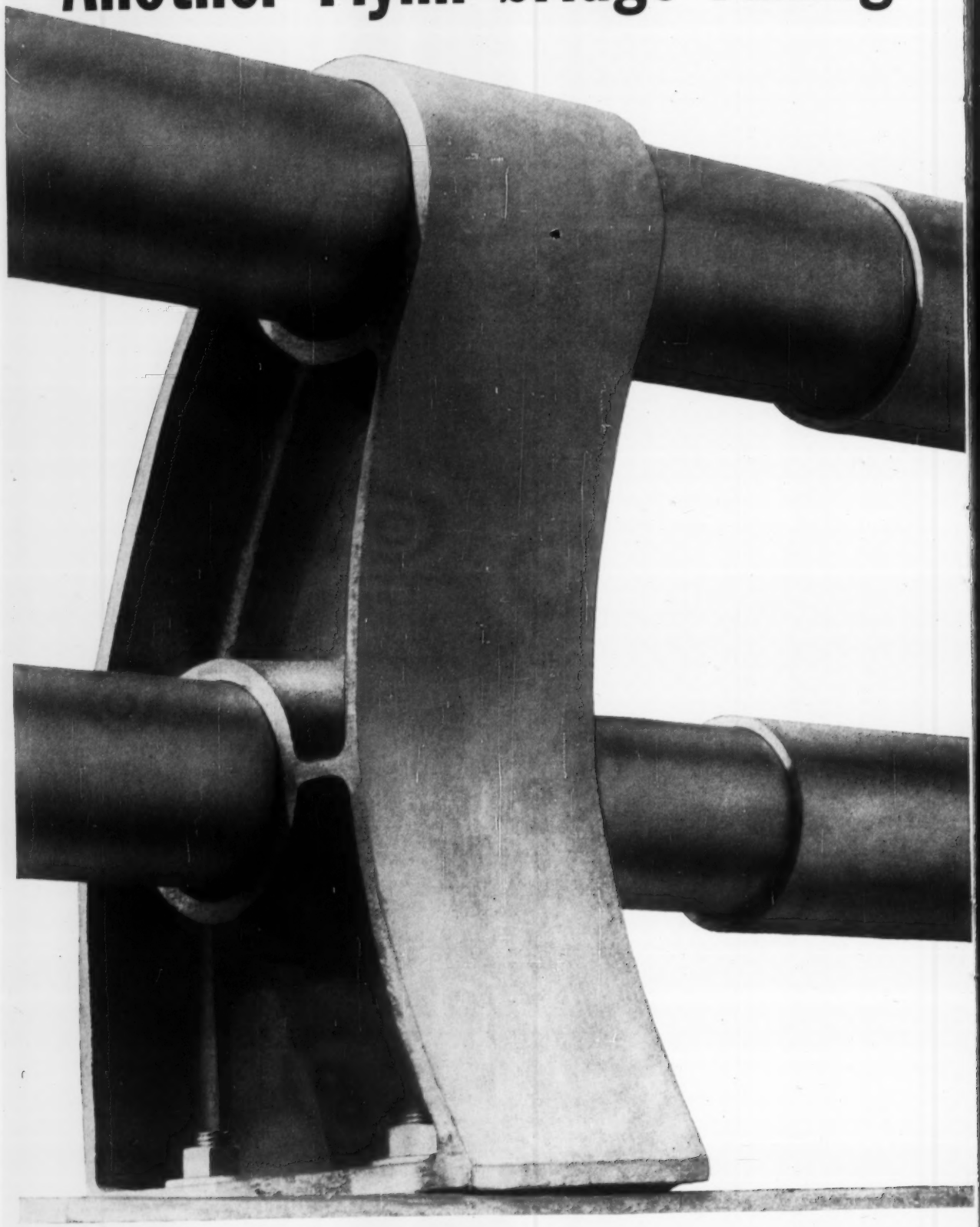

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**CONTINUOUS PLATE-GIRDER BRIDGE** over the Save River at Belgrade, Yugoslavia, with world's largest span, is unusually light for its length because the top flange of the girders is also the roadway deck.

# Plate Girder Bridge Sets Record with 856

A highway bridge built over the Save River at Belgrade, Yugoslavia, has smashed all records for plate-girder spans. The main span consists of two parallel girders 856 ft long.

The record-breaking girders are part of a three-span continuous section of the bridge. They are flanked by 246 ft side spans. About one-third of the structure is welded, the rest riveted.

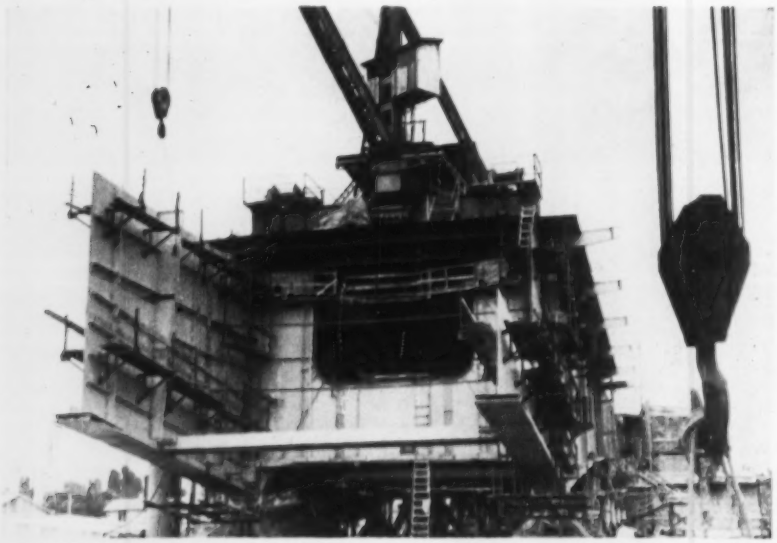
An unusual feature of the design is the common top flange of the two girders. A steel plate ranging in thickness from 0.4 to 1 in. extends 40 ft between their webs. It also serves as the top flange of floorbeams, which are spaced about 5 ft apart. The plate carries the pavement directly on its top surface.

• **Former recordholders**—The Save River Bridge beats by more than 200 ft the span of the previous recordholder—the Bonn-Buel bridge over the Rhine. A 1,263 ft steel box girder, that structure incorporates a 643 ft span.

It is also interesting to compare the new bridge with the Cologne-Deutz crossing over the Rhine. That steel box girder has continuous spans of 435-607-407 ft and also carries the pavement on the top-flange plate (ENR Feb. 2, 1950, p. 47). The pavement is a concrete slab 5 in. thick, which transfers shear to the flange plate through spiral rods welded to the plate and thus with the steel sections form a composite girder.

In contrast, to keep the weight down, the top flange of the new bridge carries an asphalt pavement only 2 in. thick. The contractor believes the asphalt will not strip from the metal deck.

The record-breaking girders are more than double the span of the longest in the U. S. The New Jersey Turnpike crossings over the Hackensack and Passaic Rivers have main spans of 375 ft (ENR Jan. 17, 1952, p. 30), and a Connecticut Turnpike bridge now under construction over the Quinnipiac River will include a 387 ft span.



**GIRDERS** were erected with bottom flange attached: 40 ft top flange was added later.

• **Steel saving**—The Save River bridge—between Belgrade and Zemun—replaces a suspension bridge that was destroyed during World War II. However, some piers and other parts were re-used for the new structure.

The new design made it possible to cut the weight of superstructure from 7,500 tons for the old bridge to 4,200 tons.

• **Novel design**—The 246-856-246 ft girders carry a 40 ft roadway flanked by 10 ft cantilevered sidewalks. The

CANTILEVERED from both shores, the girders were erected by a derrick on each end. Sections added weighed up to 27.5 tons.

GAP CLOSURE between the cantilevers was accomplished by one derrick. Meanwhile, the anchor arm rose off its temporary supports.

# Foot Span

girders are located along the edges of the roadway. At 5 ft intervals, they are braced transversely by floorbeams; at 30 ft intervals, by rigid frames with horizontal tie at the base (see typical half section), and at piers and near quarter points, by plate diaphragms (see half section at pier).

Allowable unit stresses up to 34,000 psi (German Standard DIN 1073) were used for the design of the low-alloy, St52 steel girders (51,200 psi yield point). Live loads were assumed to be a single 66 ton, 6 wheel truck or four 14.3 ton trucks and a uniformly distributed load of 70 psf. Wind pressure was taken as 50 psf in the loaded condition and 18 psf, unloaded. Temperature range assumed was 35C.

Depth of the 856 ft girders varies from 14 ft 9 in. at midspan to about 31 ft 6 in. at the piers. The web plate, spliced at intervals of 8 to 10 ft horizontally and about 30 ft vertically, is 0.56 in. thick. It has several horizontal stiffeners (on its inside face), as well as vertical ones at intervals of about 30 ft. The 40 ft wide top flange is stiffened on the underside by longitudinal steel-plate ribs spaced 12 in. c-c.

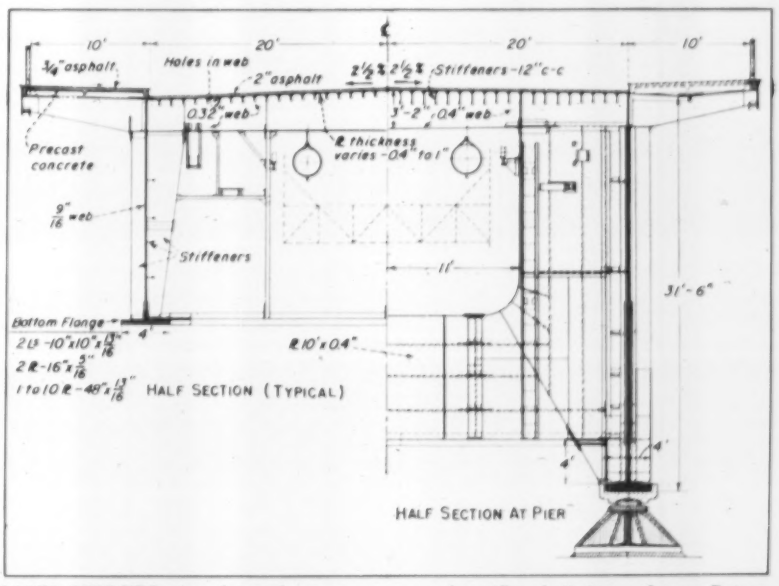
Though the girders share a common top flange, they have conventional bottom flanges consisting of two angles and several cover plates (10 at the piers). However, these plates are 4 ft wide.

At the abutments, the anchor arms are tied down to resist uplift of about 700 tons.

• **Cantilever erection**—In the construction of the bridge, the anchor arms were assembled on temporary bents. The main span was erected by cantilevering out simultaneously from opposite shores. During this procedure, the girders were tied back to the abutments.

The girders were erected in sections weighing up to 27.5 tons by a rail-mounted derrick on each cantilever. The top-flange plate was attached as the girders were extended. When completed, the girders were jacked up 32 in. at the abutments to introduce positive bending moments into the anchor arms.

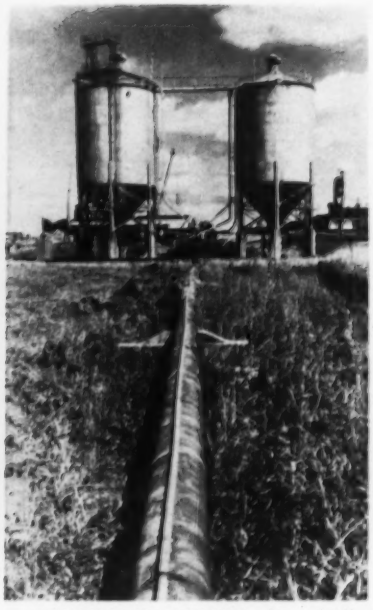
Maschinenfabrik Augsburg-Nurnberg AG, Gustavsburg, West Germany, designed the bridge, supplied the steel deck and some of the heavier erection equipment, and planned and supervised construction. Djuro Jakovic, of Slavonski Brod, and Dragoslav Georgevic, of Gosa, fabricated the girders, while Mostogradnija of Belgrade erected them. (These are Yugoslav state enterprises.) Bozidar Kalajdic was the engineer in overall charge of the work for Yugoslavia.




MAIN GIRDERS carry the roadway pavement on the stiffened 40 ft top flange. Bottom flanges are conventional; they consist of two angles and cover plates (as many as 10).

**PNEUMATICALLY UNLOADED** by remote control, bulk cement is moved . . .

. . . **FROM SHIP** to shore along the Cornwall Canal. Then . . .



. . . **CEMENT IS PUMPED** by pipeline from canal-side to silos.

# Air Moves Cement for St. Lawrence Jobs

A materials handling technique saving money on the St. Lawrence power project is the pneumatic movement of cement. Air is used to unload ships, then take cement by pipeline from storage to batching plant.

Ships are unloaded at a dock on the old Cornwall Canal near the Canadian end of the St. Lawrence Power Dam, and the cement is piped about a mile—across the international border—to the U. S. end of the powerhouse.

Bulk cement is also handled pneumatically from rail unloading points for other features of the project, but these handling facilities are not of such unusual extent as is the ship-delivery facility. Incidentally, this ship-hauled cement, conveyed by pipe to the U. S. powerhouse contractor's silos, is also trucked from there to the Long Sault Spillway Dam, being built upstream by the same group of contractors in joint venture.

Pneumatic conveying provides a high-capacity method for handling tremendous tonnages of cement, according to the builders. And the automatic nature of pneumatic conveying makes the system especially attractive costwise. Besides minimum labor requirements, material losses are practically non-existent.

The dock-to-dam pneumatic system, plus systems at the Long Sault Dam and at the site of the Canadian side of the powerhouse, were designed by Fuller Company, Catasauqua, Pa.

• **How it works**—At the unloading dock on the Cornwall Canal portland cement shipped up the St. Lawrence River from Quebec City by Canadian freighters is unloaded and pumped to either of two silos, 426 ft from dockside, by two portable, remotely controlled unloaders. They empty a 2,700 ton shipload of cement in 24 hours.

These 5½-ton unloading pumps are mounted on two wheels, each wheel driven independently in either direction by a separate 3 hp motor. Other motors power the feeder disks that rotate slowly, picking up cement and feeding it into the open end of a screw barrel. Compressed air is admitted through an air ring just beyond the final flight of the screw. Rotary compressors, operating at a pressure of approximately 40 psi, supply air for the operation.

Control equipment is enclosed in a dust-tight cabinet. An armored wire cable leading from a terminal block in the control cabinet terminates in a hand switch or "wand" carried by an operator.

By tilting the wand, the operator controls the direction of the movement of the wheels, making the unloader move forward, backward or to either side, wherever there is cement to be picked up.

Cement from the shore silos goes to either of two stationary 7 in. pumps (one is a spare). The pumps convey the cement through a 10 in. pipeline 4,200 ft across the dewatered north channel of the St. Lawrence to two silos at the batching plant at the U. S. side of the powerhouse. (Railroad cars deliver natural cement used in the concrete here to a third silo.)

Portland cement is conveyed into the batching plant by bucket elevator. In an emergency, a pump can be switched to perform the same transfer operation.

At the Canadian end of the powerhouse, portland cement taken from hopper bottom cars is pumped by a 7 in. pump about 1,800 ft through an 8 in. steel pipeline to either of two silos at the batching and mixing plant. Conveying rate is about 300 bbl per hour. The pipeline travels through conduit under the existing Cornwall canal.

• **Pneumatics not new**—Pneumatic conveying of cement has been employed in such major dam construction projects as Grand Coulee, Shasta and Hoover dams. These projects used pneumatic systems for conveying cement from rail siding to batching plants on the job site.

Although pneumatic conveyors have been used to convey cement over long distances before (7,600 ft at Grand Coulee Dam), they have never been used to such an extent, employing so many varied forms of handling, on such a complex network of operations, as they have on the St. Lawrence power project, say the equipment manufacturers.

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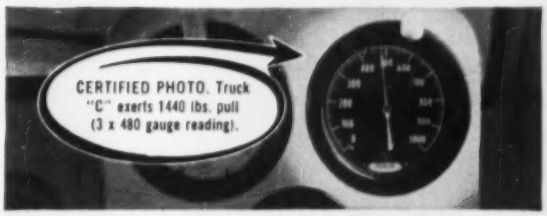


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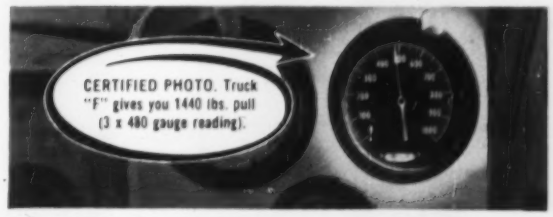


**TRUCK F** in its turn pitted all its pulling power against the Dodge, to no avail. The sealed, accurate gauges reveal clearly that Dodge offers most "pull power" of the low-priced 3.

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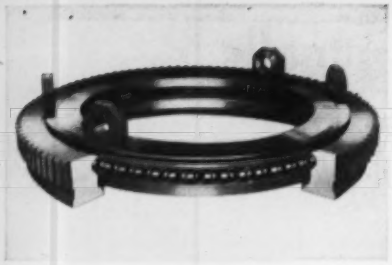

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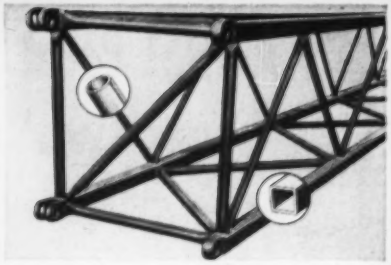

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# Building Failures Alarm Rio

**"If Rio were to get even the slightest earthquake or a hurricane, half the city would tumble down like a house of cards."**

This is the ominous prediction of an engineer in the Brazilian capital, where a disastrous building failure early this year stirred up a hornet's nest in the local press.

After the 11 story Rua Rosario building caved in and killed nine persons last February (ENR May 9, p. 75), Rio papers began searching for other periled buildings. Their reporters have tagged an impressive number as leaning and shifting.

The magazine, O Cruzeiro, listed 20 buildings that have collapsed in Rio de Janeiro in the past 10 years. "More will follow," the publication added.

To support its forecast, O Cruzeiro ran pictures of several leaning buildings, some 8 to 12 in. out of plumb at the top, on Rio's two biggest streets, Avenida Presidente Vargas and Rio Branco.

None of the leaning structures have been condemned by the city. However, the municipal government moved its furniture from a building on discovering that both the building in question and an adjacent structure were leaning. Officials of another leaning building hastily covered up the separation between their building and its neighbor.

City engineers, in declaring the buildings safe, claim that the structures have been leaning for some time. The occupants, the engineers complain, have become panicked by the magazine and newspaper stories. Contributing to the feeling of insecurity of the occupants, no doubt, is the report that a city engineer declared the Rua Rosario building safe only 30 minutes before it collapsed last February.

Engineer Domingos Pontes Vieira, of the Instituto Nacional de Tecnologia, singles out poor soil bearing conditions as the actual cause of the trouble. But he blames both the city administration and the building designers for the situation that exists.

He said the affected part of the city used to be a beach. Ground water lies only 8 or 10 ft below grade, and the resulting water subsoil is the cause of the building movements. The Rua Rosario building collapsed after a neighboring construction job had sucked the water and wet soil away from its foundations, Vieira explained.

When buildings as high as 22 stories are erected on weak subsoil, the engineer is at fault, declares Vieira, and the city also is at fault for permitting him to do the job.

Laws are too lax, he claims, and there are too few city engineers to permit adequate inspection. O Cruzeiro's list of 20 collapsed buildings is made up of structures that were designed poorly or were built with inferior materials, Vieira points out. When soil settlements began shifting buildings, these faulty ones collapsed.

While the February collapse stands as the worst such accident, another fatal crash occurred only a few weeks ago. Rainwater collected in the cellular construction of a partly completed reinforced concrete marquee for a new stadium and brought the cantilever marquee down, killing one workman and injuring several others.

Vieira supports the city engineers, however, in their decision not to condemn the leaning buildings in the Avenida Vargas sector. The structures are settling uniformly, without cracking, he says, and are relatively safe.

*Eastern Publishers Service photos*

# Cattle Take Over from Machines

Nearly 1,000 head of cattle are being used in the Fadhli area of the Western Aden Protectorate, on the Arabian Sea, to construct an emergency deflector dam urgently needed to irrigate fields in the Jol area. The age-old method had to be adopted when, owing to heavy and repeated floods, machines were unable to put up the deflector. The cattle pull rudimentary slip scrapers to pile up earth into an embankment that will be the dam.

# Venezuela's Avenue of Heroes

Forming a broad vista leading to the backdrop of mountains surrounding the city is the newly opened "Avenue of Heroes" in Caracas, Venezuela's capital.

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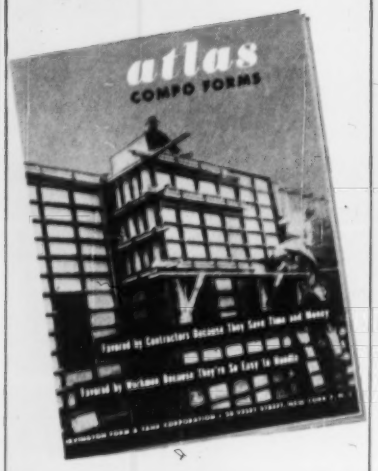


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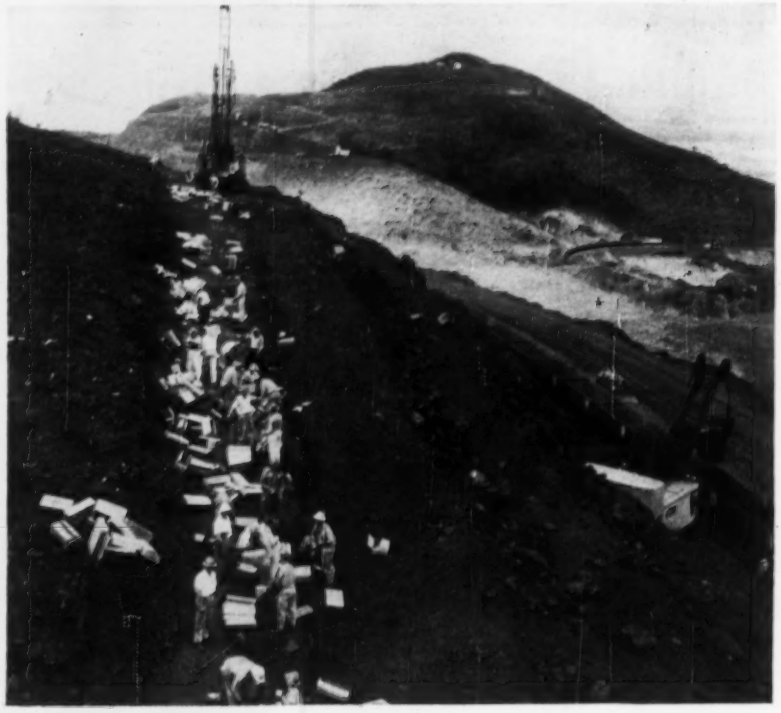

# Students Line Up Explosives . . .

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The huge new Cerro Bolivar open-pit iron mines in Venezuela also are serving as a unique school for blasting technicians.

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Supervising the work is Hugh Bren-

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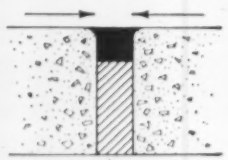

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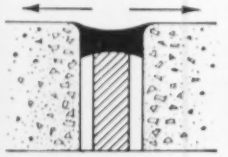

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## Canada to Aid Building An Alaska Highway Link

Construction of a $6 million highway into British Columbia's northern interior will be subsidized by the Canadian federal government during the next four years.

The highway, from Cassiar to Stewart, will open up the province north of the Alaska Panhandle, and connect with the sea and the Alaska Highway.

The subsidy represents an important government contribution to the province's 1957 highway budget of $70 million—third highest provincial total for what the Canadian Good Roads Association predicts will be another record roadbuilding year.

An association survey revealed a 20% increase in this year's road and street budgets for all governments, with the 1957 total budget standing at $861 million against $715 million spent last year.

Provincial highway budgets account for $604 million or 70% of the total ($485 million in 1956). Ontario is leading the field with a proposed budget of $236 million, followed by Quebec with $119 million.

## U. S. Contractor Offers $16 Million Highway Bid

The Bolivian Ministry of Public Works has announced a $16 million bid submitted by a U. S. firm for construction of a 210 mile highway to connect Carabuco at Titicaca Lake and Beni at the northeast corner of the country.

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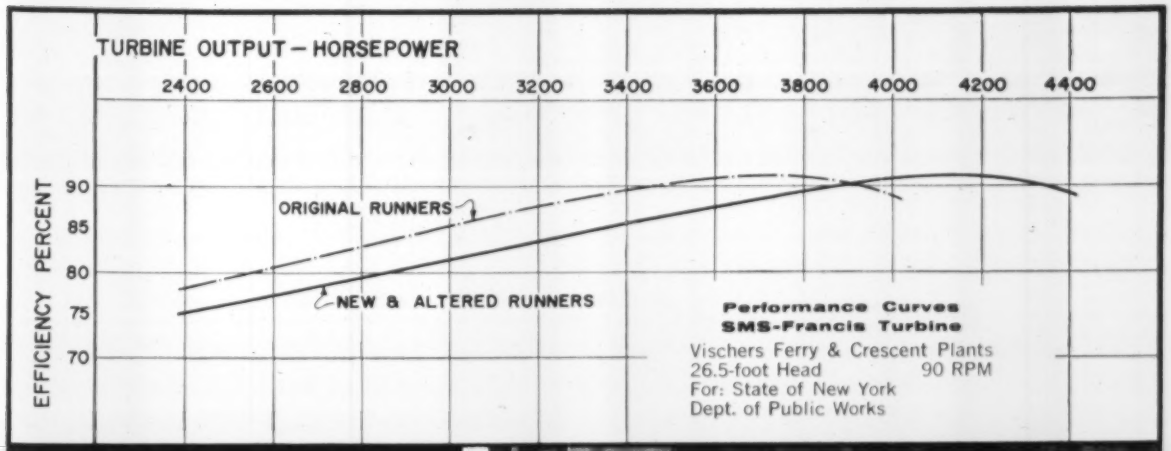
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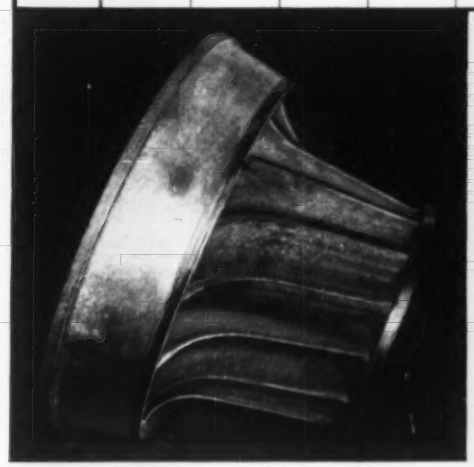
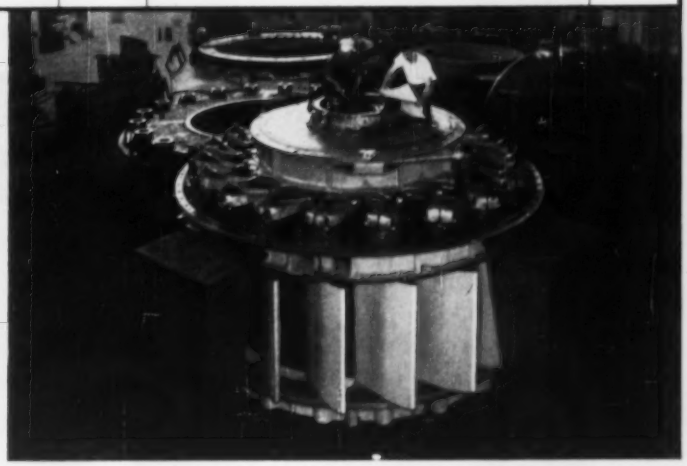


Modifed runner for Vischers Ferry unit #4. Note excellent condition of runner after long initial service.



The rebuilt distributor of Crescent unit #1 is checked during final assembly in the SMS shops.

# Rehabilitation of 34-Year-Old SMS Turbines **TO INCREASE POWER 10%**

Here's how hydro plants, operating on relatively low heads, can have rehabilitated turbines to get increased power and higher efficiencies. At the Vischers Ferry and Crescent Plants on the Mohawk River north of Albany, New York, four 86-inch SMS-Francis turbines have recently been rebuilt. Their increased capacity is shown in the curve above.

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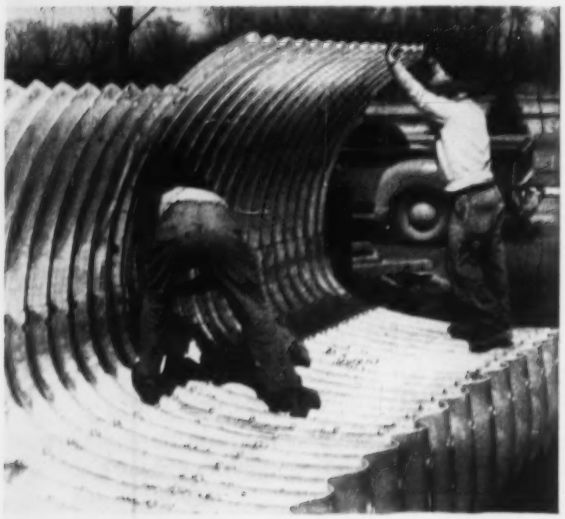

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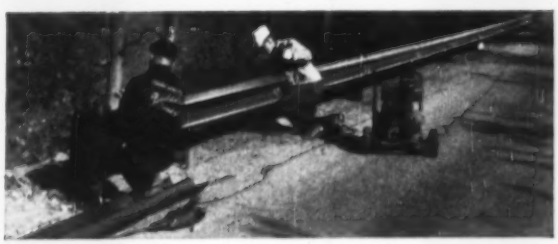

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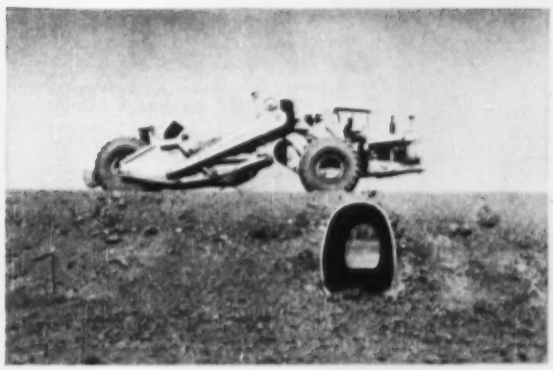

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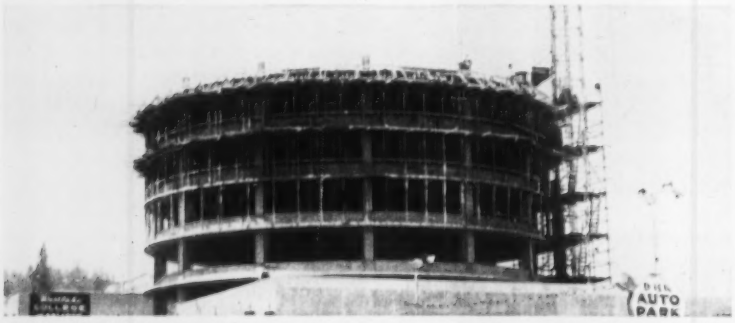

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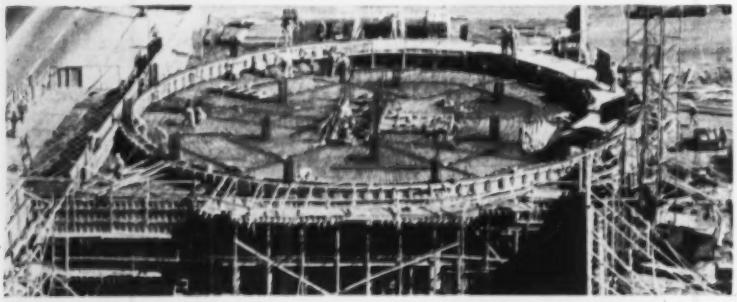

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# Fog Gives Way to Lighting Researchers

## Penn State studies may provide formula for determining safety limits on high-speed roads

Lighting engineers have satisfactorily penetrated fog with automotive and highway lighting equipment.

The job was done by directing light perpendicularly to the driver's line of sight or as perpendicularly as possible in the case of automobile headlights. This was demonstrated recently at Pennsylvania State University and is believed to be the first major breakthrough in close to 100 years of scientific research to pierce the fog barrier.

Before an audience of approximately 50 turnpike officials from 10 states, highway safety experts, lighting engineers, psychologists and ophthalmologists presented the latest results of a series of studies begun 3½ years ago by the Illuminating Engineering Research Institute in an effort to reduce the accidents on the nation's highways.

The studies might result in a formula through which turnpike authorities could determine when to close their limited-access highways, when to order reduced speeds and when to continue operations during fog periods.

Tests showed, according to Charles R. Marsh, associate professor of electrical engineering at Penn State, that it will be possible to increase visibility in fog on the open highway by 100% or even more through light control within the next year and that "we are apparently approaching this level."

It was shown that changing the mounting angles of highway lighting, using low-mounted white fog lights, and polarizing the light sources can successfully accomplish a major improvement in visibility in fog.

• **Fog a hazard**—Fog accounted for approximately 5% of all accidents on the New Jersey Turnpike during the first 2½ years of its operation—a figure that is made more significant by the fact that a sizeable proportion of the accidents involved a number of vehicles, some as many as 26 cars. More than 65% of the fog accidents occurred at night, and 82% were of the same-direction type.

Statistics show it is also a serious accident hazard on all turnpikes and highways on the northeastern and northwestern seaboards of the United States and in the Great Lakes area.

• **Tests made**—Under the direction of the IERI, two cooperating groups of scientists penetrated man-made fog—which has characteristics identical to natural fog.

The tests were staged in a 50 ft Army type medical tent. Three separate types of lighting control were exhibited, each producing a notable, although varying, effect in penetrating a controlled fog barrier. Fog created inside the tent was equivalent to approximately 50 ft visibility on an open highway.

In the first light-control method, overhead roadway lights were mounted so that their beams were cast perpendicularly to the pavement. In the second method, reflecter floodlights were installed on the shoulder of the simulated road and slightly above the pavement level so that the beams fell across the roadway perpendicularly to the autoist's line of sight. In the third method, automobile headlights and fog lights were dropped below the bumper level of the average car and, for maximum effect, were polarized.

"Each of the three fog-penetrating systems demonstrated, clearly proves that the fog barrier can be satisfactorily pierced when illumination is directed perpendicularly to the driver's line of sight or, in the case of auto headlights, as perpendicularly as possible," according to C. L. Crouch, technical director of the Illuminating Engineering Society.

• **Polarizing**—The realistic principle involved is that lighting, whether polarized or not, must be so arranged that the driver's line of sight does not travel along the beam of either his own headlights or of fixed highway lights.

"This can be achieved on the nation's highways by altering the mounting angles of fixed road lights for fog conditions, by equipping cars with low-mounted headlights or with equally low-mounted polarized fog lights—which could be used without other headlights in fog conditions—or by a combination of both methods," according to Mr. Crouch.

He compared polarization of light to the use of a haze filter on a camera. Just as a camera filter screens out certain colors to make a clearer view, so a polarizing filter screens out a certain portion of the light bounced back by fog and reveals a more distinct scene.

The addition of color to fog lamps, according to the lighting scientists conducting the studies, has been found to have little or no effect in increasing the degree of fog penetration.

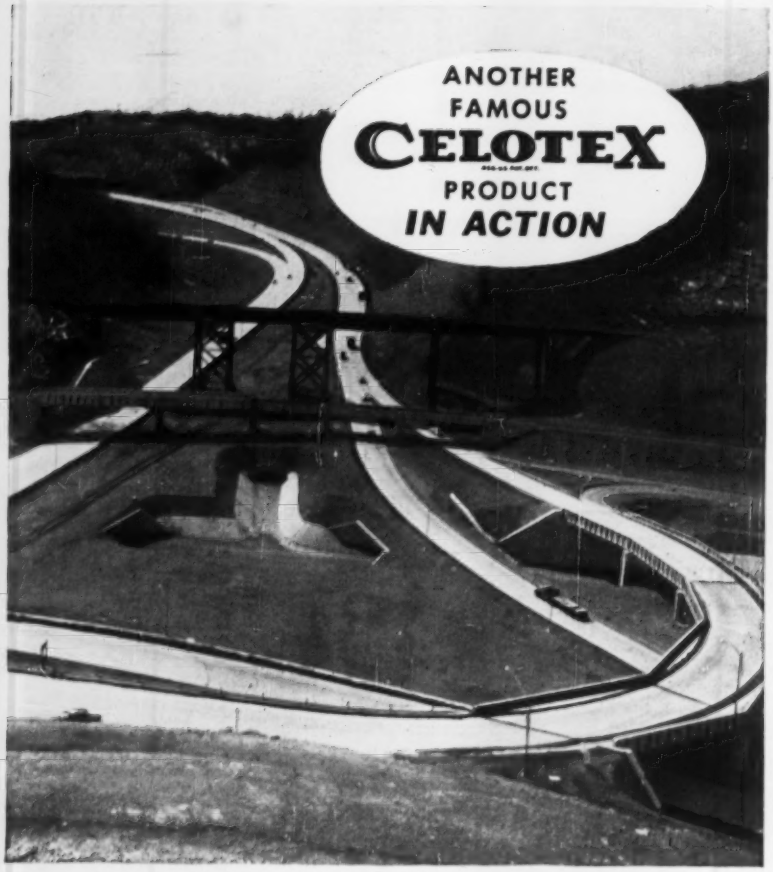
Pieces of inexpensive polarizing material were used in the demonstration to filter the light sources. Maximum benefits were obtained when the resultant light was viewed through a similar filter mounted on a swing-away visor at the viewing point.

Dr. R. H. Blackwell, professor of psychology and director of the Vision Research Laboratory at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and Benjamin S. Pritchard, professor at the Willow Run Research Center at the Ann Arbor institution, also took part in the demonstration.

Dr. Blackwell and his team analyzed the composition and structure of fog and measured the amount of haze barrier created when a beam of light was scattered by fog. Professor Marsh, using the Michigan group's findings, created artificial fog that met nature's specifications and then experimented with test-lighting on a quarter-scale road built into the hospital tent on the back lawn of his home. Through these tests he successfully applied the principle of seeing through fog with the help of light beams falling perpendicularly to the line of sight.

Commenting on the demonstration, Dr. Blackwell declared that present-day lighting on automobiles places the beam almost on the driver's line of sight. Similarly, the practice of mounting highway lights so that the major portion of illumination is cast up and down the roadway at horizontal angles results in directing the main beam at the driver and his line of sight.

"In an effort to derive the greatest possible spread of highway illumination for safe driving under normal atmospheric conditions," he observed, "lighting designers have innocently created the least favorable conditions for driving in fog. In both automobile headlight illumination and fixed lighting on highways, light beams are close to rather than perpendicular to the driver's

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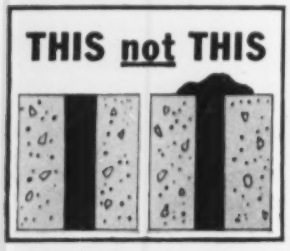


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line of vision. New findings show that this condition must be changed in order to penetrate a veil of haze."

• **Studies continue**—While it is expected that the Research Institute's study program will be continued, and that additional findings will be made, Everett M. Strong, professor of electrical engineering at Cornell University and chairman of the Institute's research executive committee, suggested that corrective measures could be made on the basis of current knowledge.

"Today's demonstration," Professor Strong said, "is in the nature of an interim report. It is intended to present findings thus far in our studies rather than to recommend the most beneficial correctives. But it is reasonable to believe that the lighting principle now evolved could be put to a practical, full-scale field test through an installation on a major turnpike where fog conditions periodically exist."

"This could be effected," he continued, "by stringing catenary cables between existing highway light poles and suspending from them a series of down-lights, some polarized, some unpolarized, for testing purposes."

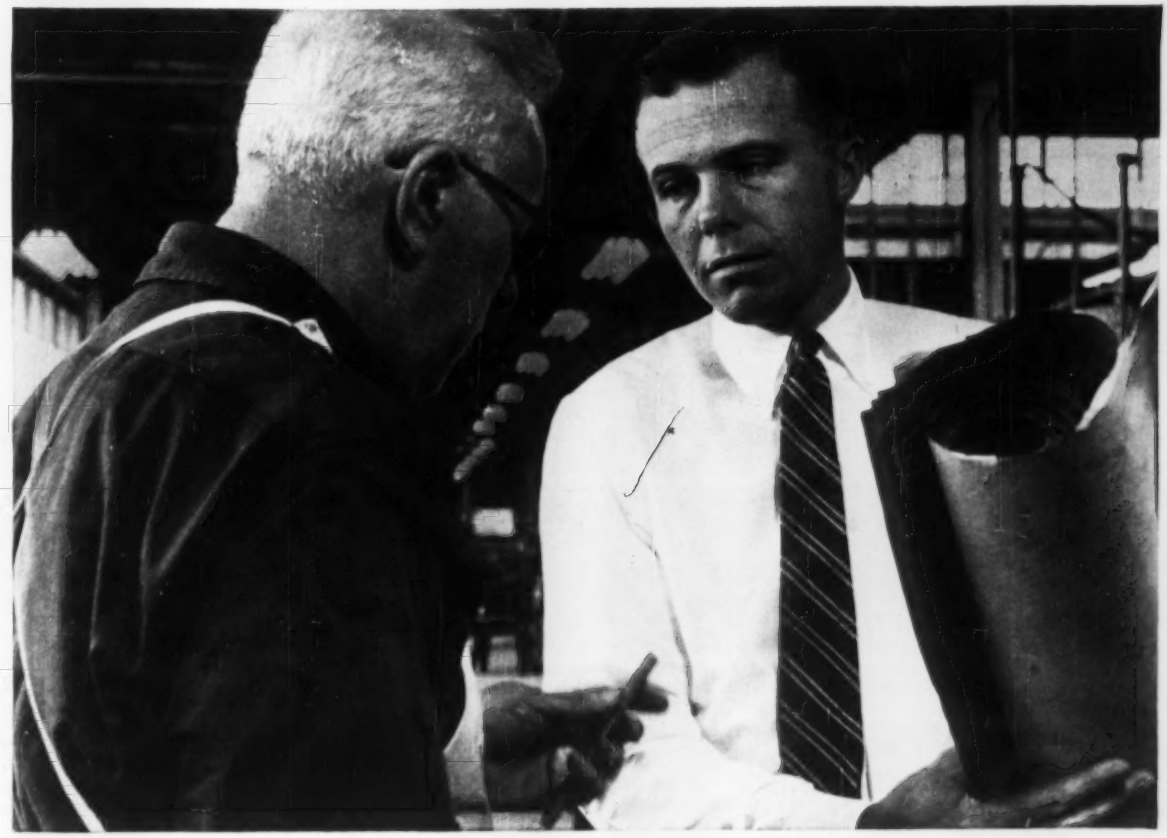
Because the down-lights would be reflector lamps with their beams directed vertically to the road surface, they would provide less spread road illumination than the conventionally mounted overhead lamps. Therefore a greater number would have to be installed to supply adequate coverage of lighting for any given area.

"This would serve as auxiliary lighting to be used only in periods of fog and, through the use of photoelectric cells, could be switched on automatically when fog of a predetermined density piled up." Conventional lighting could be switched off by the same photoelectric cell action.

• **Formula needed**—A test installation on a major turnpike would satisfy one of the next steps that research scientists feel are now indicated.

It is felt that a qualitative objective has been attained. It has been shown that light can be made to penetrate a fog barrier and achieve a dramatically improved quality of vision. Professor Strong pointed out that now a quantitative objective must be attained. "We must learn how to anticipate accurately the amount of visibility in any given fog situation and perhaps establish a formula for use by highway officials to guide them in designing the lighting and, in extreme cases, determining when to restrict road operations and when to suspend operations entirely."

Penetration of fog with light might



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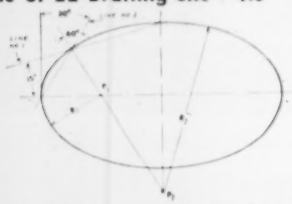

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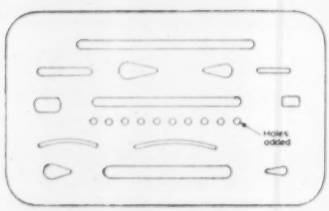


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also have military value in preventing the nearly-complete stoppage of patrol activity such as usually occurs under dense fog conditions. Adaptations are also possible for the benefit of military and civil aviation.

Two "firsts", in addition to the first satisfactory penetration of fog by light, were established in the course of the tests, it was reported. The initial innovations occurred when the degree to which various densities of fog scatter auto headlamp and roadway illumination was measured. More than 100 years of previous research had failed to produce dependable measurements of this phenomenon.

• **Fog sniffer**—Equipped with a specially constructed "fog-sniffer" attached to a laboratory station wagon—and detachable for observations at road level—the Michigan scientists shot narrow beams of light at various types of roadway fog. Then, with a photoelectric cell, they measured the resultant scatter from various angles, their findings being automatically recorded on tape.

Artificial "fog" previously was created by laying down a blanket of smoke, the density being controlled by spigots attached to the conveying ducts. Although the density ordinarily was satisfactory, Dr. Blackwell's studies showed that the physical structure was radically different from natural fog and that it was not sufficiently representative for lighting tests. Professor Marsh thereupon developed artificial fog with the qualities of natural fog by forcing water through a fine nozzle under 70 lb of air and 10 lb of water pressure.

The density of this man-made fog can be controlled through the use of a photoelectric cell adjusted to react and cut off the pressures when the fog reaches a pre-selected level.

## Clay Pipe Manufacturers To Build Research Lab

The National Clay Pipe Manufacturers Association is about to build a new research building and laboratory facilities to house the industry's expanded research program. Its present laboratory is located in Los Angeles. The new one will be erected in Crystal Lake, Ill.

The building, designed by architects George F. Keck and William Keck of Chicago, will incorporate maximum use of clay products in both exterior and interior. Skydomes will be used for greatest utilization of natural light. The office area will be covered by a mezzanine floor that will house small unit laboratories. Completion is expected by this fall.

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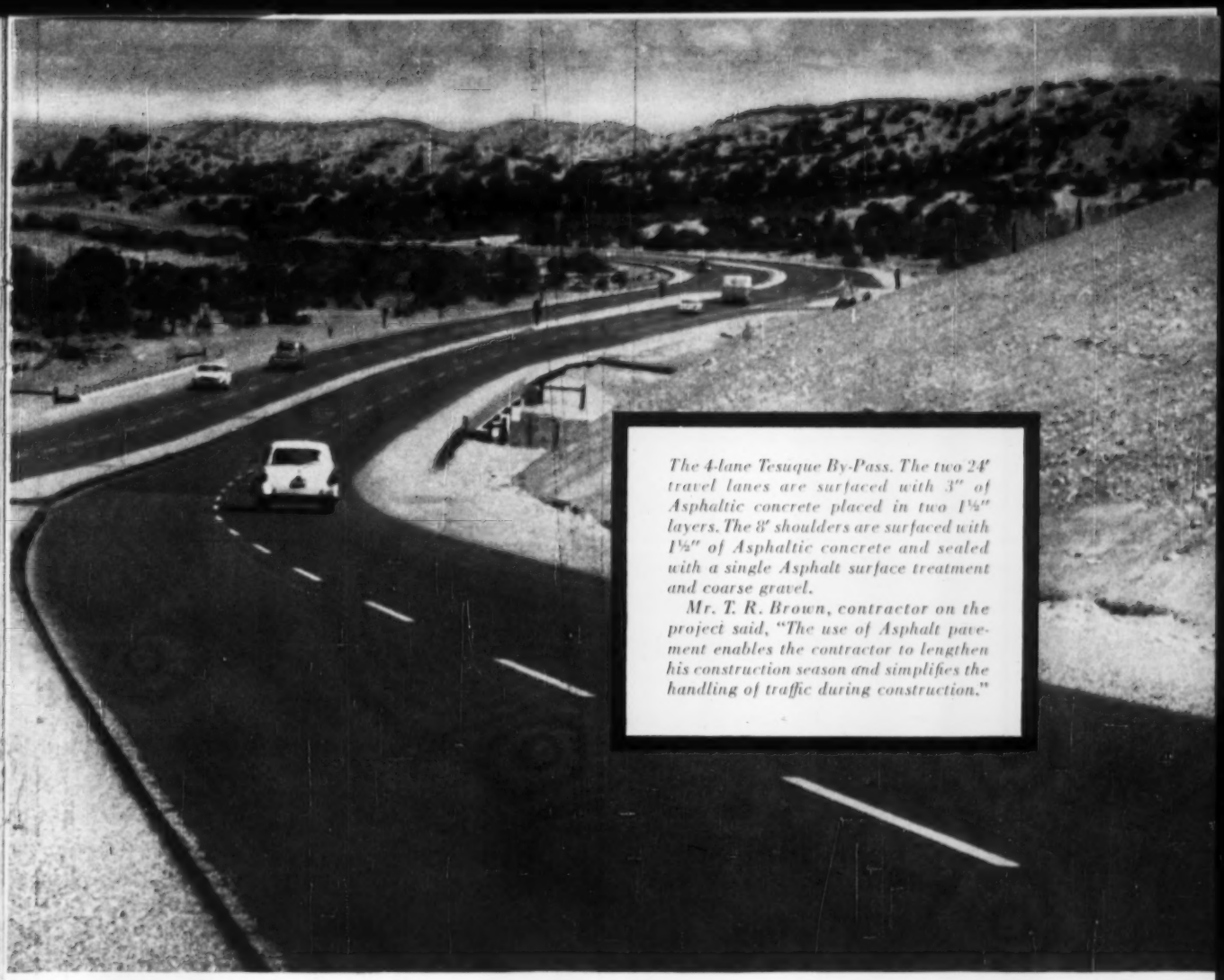

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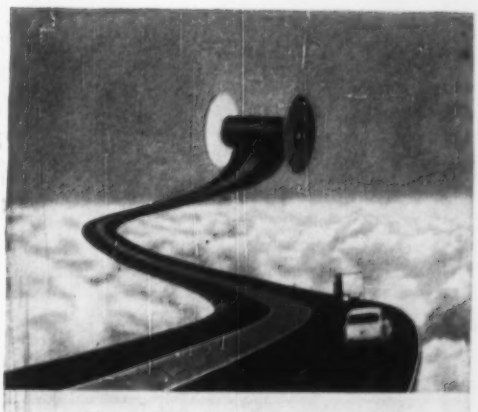

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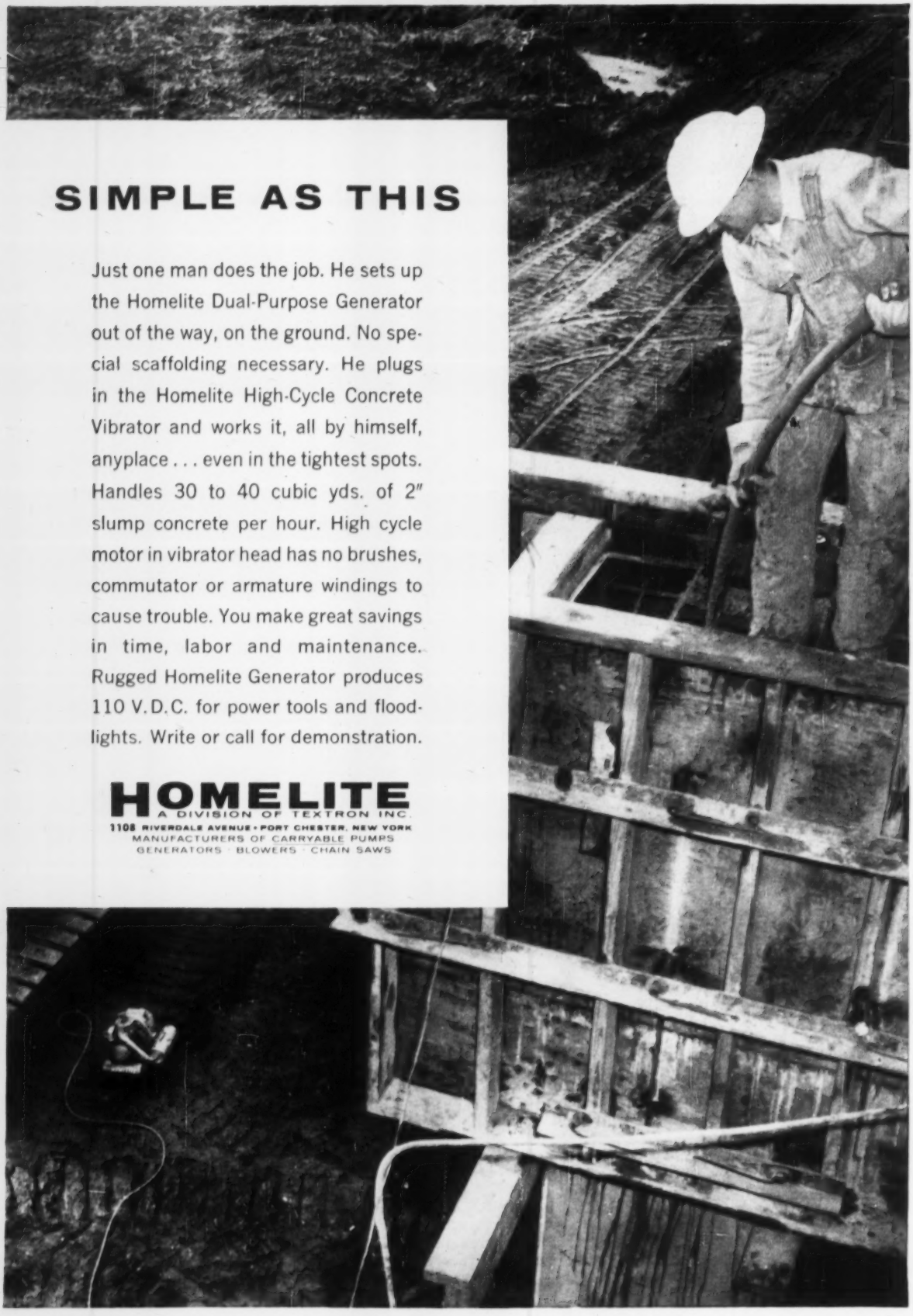

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# Books

## Brittle Behavior of Steel

CONTROL OF STEEL CONSTRUCTION TO AVOID BRITTLE FAILURE—Edited by M. E. Shank. 184 pp. American Welding Society, 33 W. 39th St., New York 18, N. Y. $4.50.

BRITTLE BEHAVIOR OF ENGINEERING STRUCTURES—by Earl R. Parker. 323 pp. John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York, N. Y. $6.

It seems an amazing coincidence that two books so similar in scope and subject matter should be published simultaneously. For both have as prime objective presentation of a summary of current knowledge of the brittle behavior of steel in structures. Apparently based on the same source material, they differ very little in approach to the subject and in conclusions.

The book edited by Professor Shank, of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, represents the combined efforts of all members of the Plasticity Committee of the Welding Research Council. It is divided into three parts. Part I. Materials offers the basic concepts and mechanisms of notch brittleness and discusses the factors that affect adversely the local plastic behavior of metals. Part II. Fabrication describes how notch brittleness may be brought about during fabrication operations. And Part III. Design offers suggestions to aid the designer in selecting the proper steel and fabricating procedures to avoid brittle behavior.

The book written by Mr. Parker, chairman of the Division of Mineral Technology, University of California, was prepared for the Committee on Ship Steel, National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council. Like the other treatise, it covers basic concepts of notch brittleness in the early portions. Then, it discusses the influence of chemical composition and manufacturing practices. After that, it describes the effects of design and workmanship.

The Parker book is somewhat more detailed in its treatment of the various topics than the WRC text, which is aimed principally at structural designers.

Brittle failures may occur in structures under very low loads, both books point out. Nominal tensile ultimate strength or yield point are not governing factors in such cases. These properties, based on simple uniaxial tests at room temperature, do not shed much light on the properties of structural steel under conditions of restraint and adverse temperature and in the presence of a notch or crack.

When temperature drops, a point is reached (nil ductility transition temperature) where the ability of steel to absorb energy is practically negligible. Below this critical temperature failures are brittle; just above it, steel may fail in a cleavage manner, but the fracture will not be so completely brittle. At higher temperatures, the steel will behave in a plastic manner; the fracture will be of the shear type.

The nil ductility transition temperature is not a constant for any particular steel. It depends on many factors—including the presence of notches or cracks—and these factors are dealt with at length in both books.

To avoid brittle failure, several courses are open to the designer: 1. Use low stresses; 2. Avoid notch effects and high local stress concentrations; 3. Select a material with high notch toughness; 4. Insist on sound workmanship and suitable inspection and supervision; 5. Choose the proper fabrication process. Both books discuss these techniques in detail.

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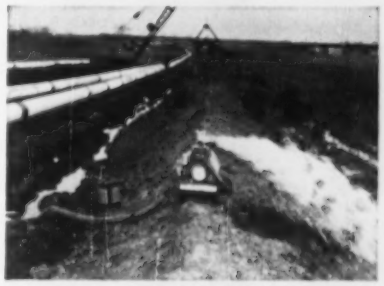

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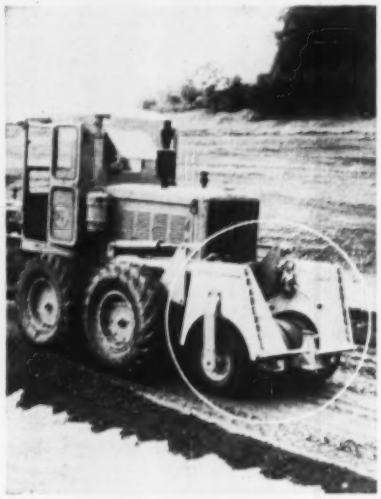

## Device Converts Motor Grader Into Compactor

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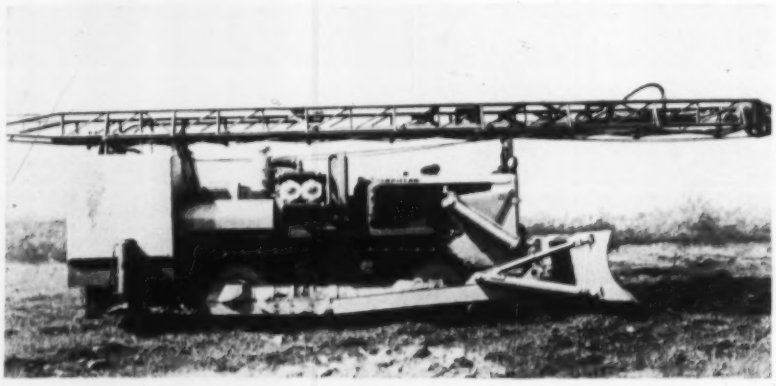

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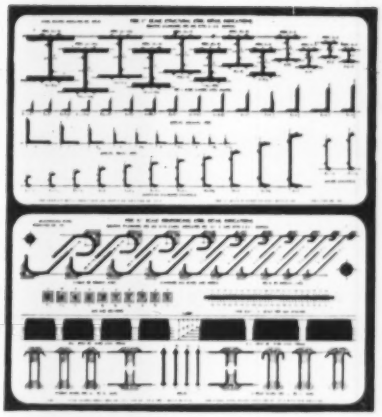

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A complete kit of five templets, imprinted with all pertinent data, costs $17.50. Separate templets cost $3.75 each. A. Lawrence Karp, P.O. Box 242, Greenwich, Conn.

## New Heavy Duty Crane Added to Lorain Line

A new 25 ton self-propelled crane known as Model SP-425 has been added to the Lorain Line of power shovels and cranes. The model is designed for a one-man operation, with controls for carrier and turntable located at the operator's position in the cab.

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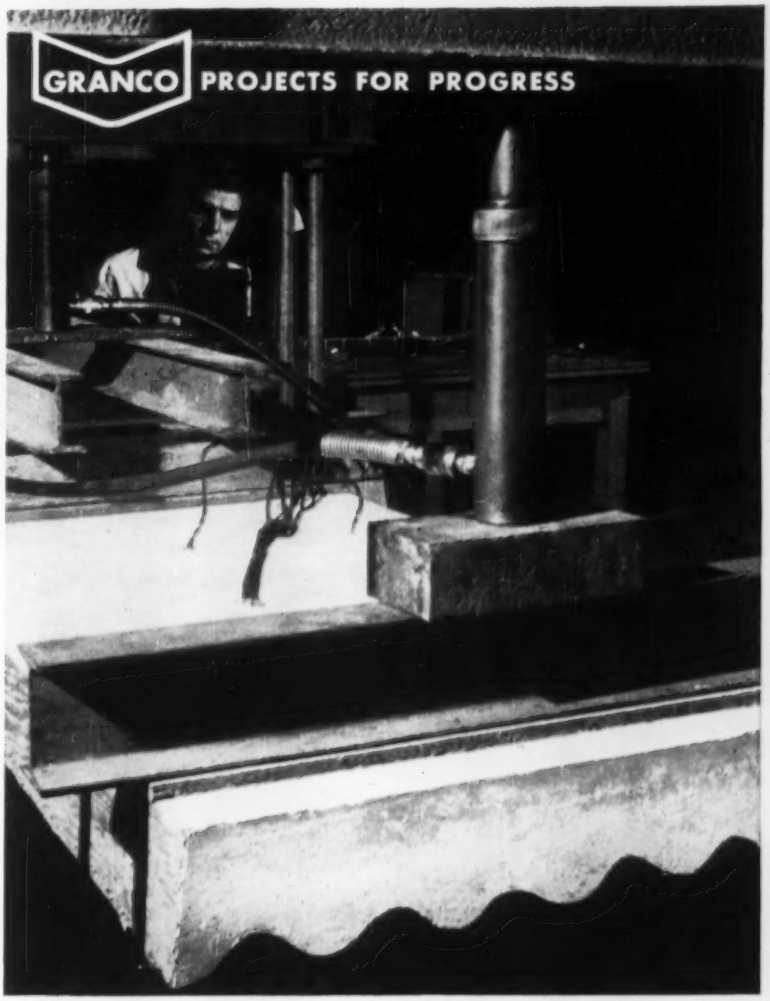


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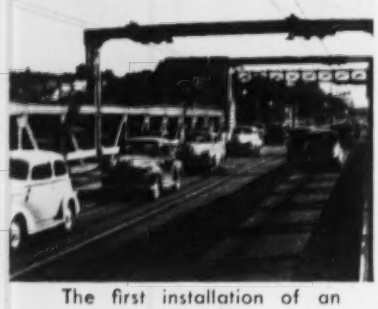

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**Hardware**—A study of Caterpillar track bolts and nuts is told in a new 8 page booklet "Hardwear Hardware". The booklet discusses in detail the requirements track bolts and nuts must meet in order to give top performance, and shows how machine owners can make their own test to determine which hardware is best. CATERPILLAR TRACTOR CO., PEORIA, ILL.

**Crawler Tractor**—A cut-away view of the Allis-Chalmers HD-21 diesel power torque converter tractor is the feature of a new 4 page specification sheet (MS-1191) now available. Marginal notes point to many of the machine's mechanical design and construction features. CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY DIV., ALLIS CHALMERS MANUFACTURING CO., MILWAUKEE, WIS.

**Masonry Saws**—Two new brochures are now available covering the complete line of masonry saws manufactured by this company, showing the outstanding features of the new 2 hp Supermatic and the 1½ hp original Select-A-Notch Masonry saws. CLIPPER MANUFACTURING CO., SUITE 156, 2800 WARWICK, KANSAS CITY 8, MO.

**Tracto-Loader**—A 16 page catalogue describes the Tracto-Loader line of front end wheel loaders, illustrating and describing each of the five models currently in production. TRACTOMOTIVE CORP., DEERFIELD, ILL.

**Fork Trucks**—An 8 page catalogue describes construction, operating characteristics and specifications of the new Ranger line of fork trucks for outdoor handling. All three models in the line —of 15,000, 20,000 and 30,000 lb capacity—are treated in the catalogue. INDUSTRIAL TRUCK DIV., CLARK EQUIPMENT CO., BATTLE CREEK, MICH.

**Paving Equipment**—A loose-leaf type brochure, containing separate inserts of informational material, is available from Cleveland Formgrader Co. The brochure covers the company's complete line of paving equipment. THE CLEVELAND FORMGRADER CO., MILLS ROAD, AVON, OHIO.

**Building hardware**—Specifications, dimensions, finishes and styling of Welch Brothers line of locks, latches and builders hardware are contained in a new catalog. Also included is the Welch line on gate locks and latches. WELCH BROTHERS LOCK CO., P.O. BOX 77, NORTH CHICAGO, ILL.

**Scraper**—Latest developments on the Model 55 Payscraper are described in an 8-page booklet. Close-up photos of important features such as the improved bowl, three-piece reversible cutting blades, and flow system of power steering show why the unit is easily operated, has maximum safety and durability. A page is devoted to specifications of the various components. CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT DIV., INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER CO., 180 N. MICHIGAN AVE., CHICAGO 1, ILL.

**Roof decking**—Various methods of using Insulpanel for roof decking in residential and industrial construction is described in an 8 page brochure. (Insulpanel consists of asphalt-impregnated pressed wood sandwiched between asbestos-cement sheets.) Wood and steel framing, fastening details and specifications of Insulpanel also are included. KEASBEY & MATTISON CO., AMBLER, PA.

**Sealing compounds**—The advantages, typical uses and methods of application of DEL synthetic rubber sealing compounds are given in an 8 page booklet that also contains drawings of typical windows and joint sealing methods. DAVID E. LONG CORP., 220 E. 42 ST., NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

**"Highway Lighting"**—The American Road Builders Association has just published a technical bulletin presenting such aspects of highway lighting as design criteria, elements required and adaptation lighting, plus a table of statistics on decreased fatalities in 28 areas where hazardous lighting was corrected. STREET AND HIGHWAY SAFETY LIGHTING BUREAU, 1400 TERMINAL TOWER, CLEVELAND 13, OHIO.

**Pipe joint seal**—A 4 page brochure illustrates and describes applications for clay pipe joint sealant. SUPERIOR CLAY CORP., UHRICHSVILLE, OHIO.

**Residential conditioning**—A booklet "Heating and Air Conditioning with Water for Year 'Round Comfortable Living," will help builders and architects explain heating and air conditioning systems to prospective home buyers. Information is given in simple language with explanatory illustrations in color. The booklet is intended to give the client a clear idea of what he can expect from his investment in terms of heating and air conditioning. NATIONAL U. S. RADIATOR CORP., 944 ASH ST., JOHNSTOWN, PA.

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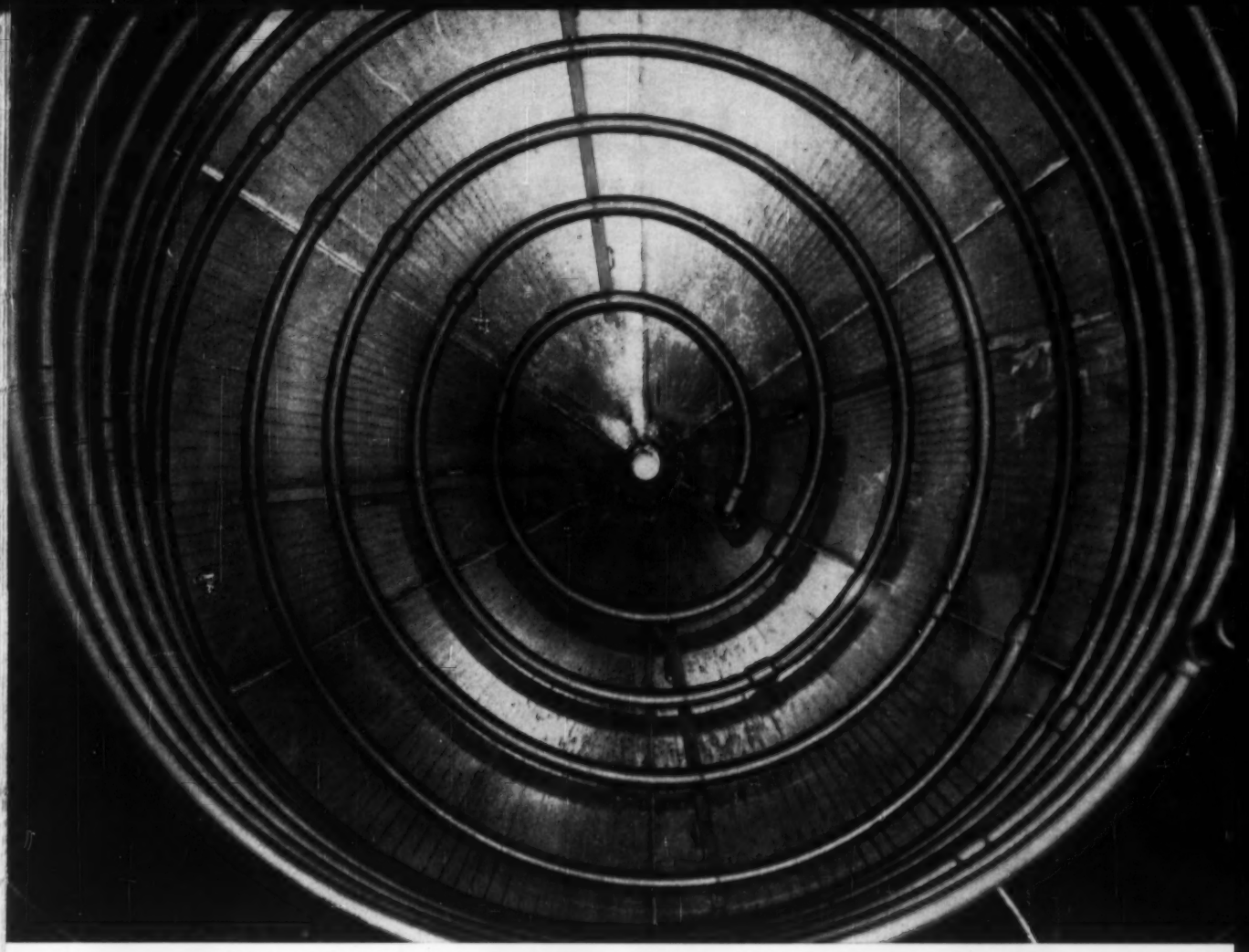

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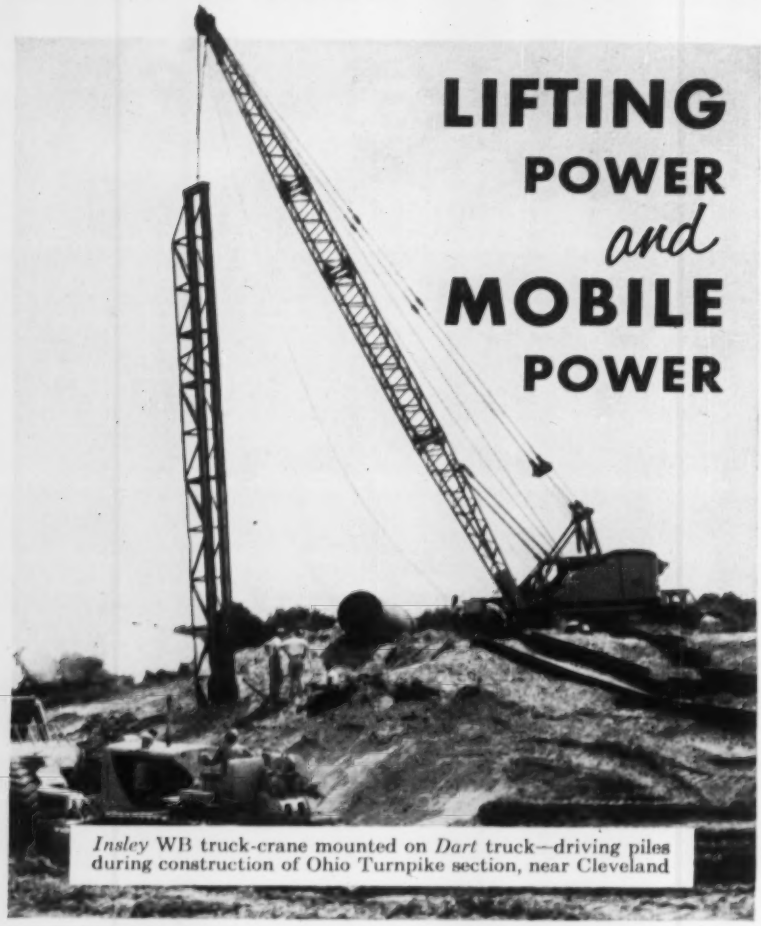


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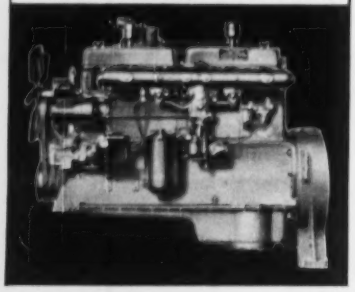

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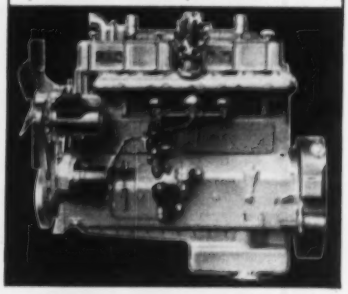

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## . . . Publications

**Cooling towers**—A new line of Flow-Cold cooling towers in capacities of 3 to 20 tons is described in a 4 page illustrated catalog from Acme Industries, Inc. The folder outlines the company's new plastic cooling pak and offers complete selection data to make the proper choice of six different models to match capacity requirements. Also included are dimensional drawings giving overall unit sizes for all models plus locations of all water connections. CATALOG NO. 371, ACME INDUSTRIES, INC., JACKSON, MICH.

**Full Line Catalog**—State Equipment Co. has introduced a distributor design catalogue for the heavy equipment owners and buyers, featuring scores of full-action photographs and descriptions of more than 35 lines of equipment available at the company's eight branch offices in the northeast. STATE EQUIPMENT CO., 3725 NORTH FRONT ST., HARRISBURG, PA.

**Power Cranes**—A 24 page catalogue featuring the company's 75B series of ¾ yd power excavators is now available, containing detailed action photographs of power shovels, cranes, draglines and other optional excavator attachments. CUSTOMER SERVICE DEPARTMENT, GAR WOOD INDUSTRIES, WAYNE, MICH.

**Bituminous Application**—A new bituminous application guide (shot guide) is designed to be a quick reference in determining the correct speed of a bituminous distributor when applying a predetermined amount of material to a road surface. LITTLEFORD BROS., INC., 457 E. PEARL ST., CINCINNATI 2, OHIO.

**Watertight masonry**—A 6 page folder on the subject of design and specifications of watertight masonry describes six considerations in designing tight masonry walls. The bulletin also outlines the use of Omicron Mortarproofing in providing a cohesive mortar. WILLIAM T. KENNEDY, THE MASTER BUILDERS CO., 7016 EUCLID AVE., CLEVELAND 3, OHIO.

**Trenchers**—The Challenge Universal Trencher is illustrated and described in detail. It is a ladder type machine that will dig trenches to 5 ft 3 in. deep and from 12 to 18 in. wide with square or round bottoms. The ladder, bucket line, and reversible conveyor are hydraulically operated. A backfill blade for clearing ahead of the machine, leveling high spots, and refilling trenches is standard equipment. COOK BROS. EQUIPMENT CO., 3334 SAN FERNANDO ROAD, LOS ANGELES 65, CALIF.

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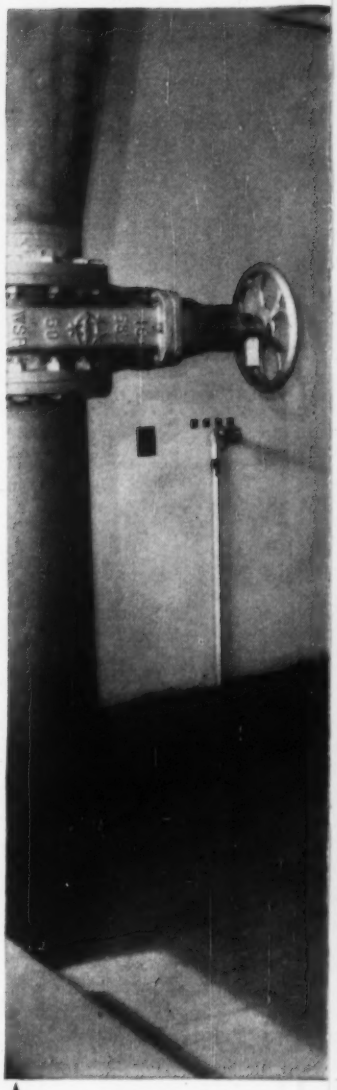
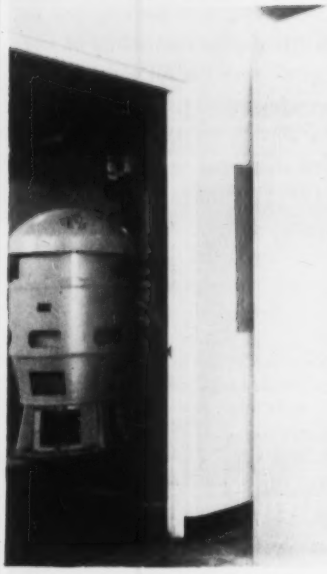
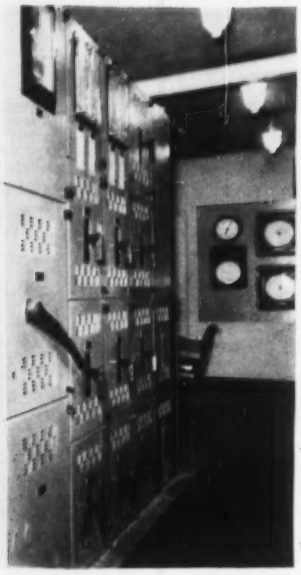
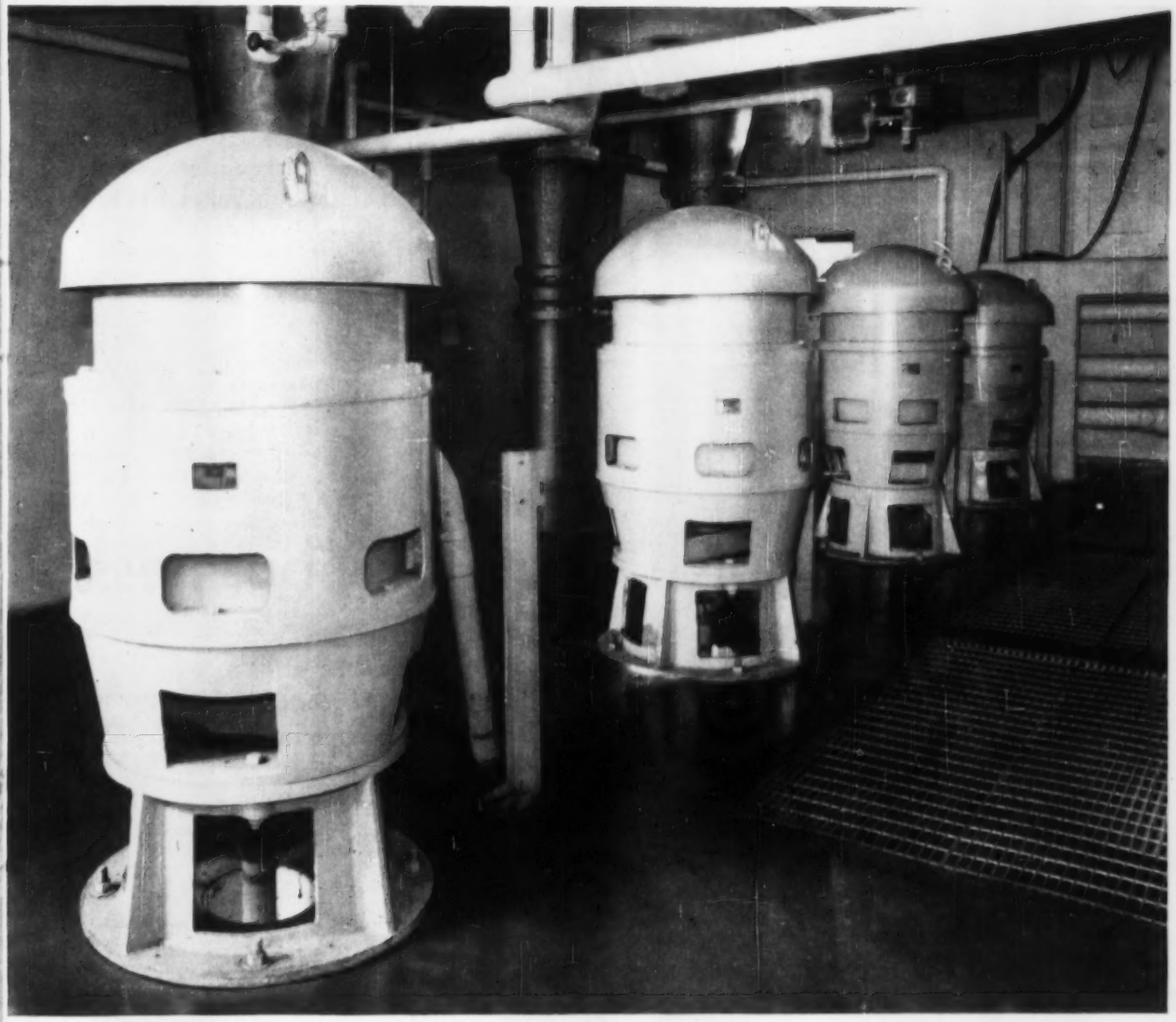


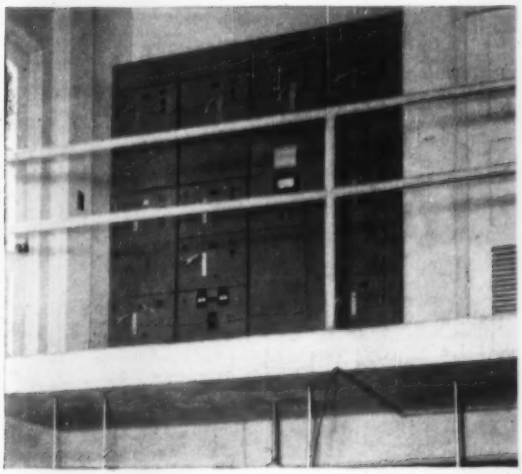
The four Westinghouse vertical pump motors in the Tacoma plant—4000 gpm, 50 hp; 8000 gpm, 100 hp; 10,000 gpm, 100 hp; 12,000 gpm, 125 hp.



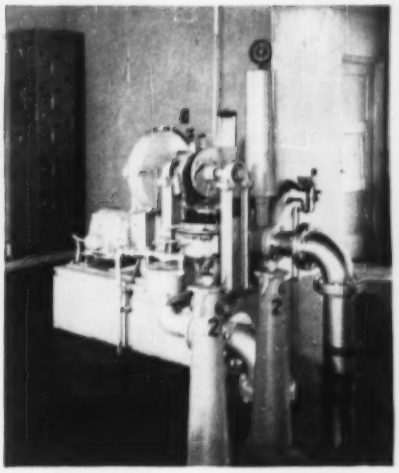


Distribution of power to motor and lighting circuits for the entire plant is through this Westinghouse switchgear, located in the main pump building.

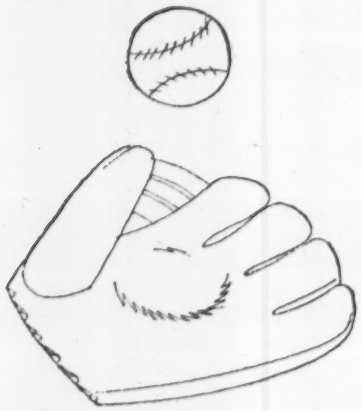




Control center for many of the sewage plant motors, located on a balcony to conserve space, is typical of the Westinghouse unitized equipment which simplifies sewage plant electrical construction.



This Westinghouse motor drives one of the many pumps in the treatment plant. Note convenient location of control unit for this and other adjacent motors.



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Lester E. Bozarth, chief of the civil engineering department at the U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Laboratories, Fort Belvoir, Va., has retired after 33 years of service with the Corps of Engineers.

A graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Mr. Bozarth joined the Corps in 1933 as junior engineer on the construction of Wilson Dam in Alabama. Among the many posts he has held is that of chief of the operations and construction division, Norfolk District, and chief of the construction division of the Air Force's $400 million Moroccan Air Base Complex.

Howard H. Mullins, assistant to Mr. Bozarth, has been named acting chief of the civil engineering department.

### Careers

#### Government

**John Keeley,** 36, is named county engineer of Clackamas County, Ore. He has been with the Corps of Engineers.

**Brig. Gen. Albert G. Viney** is appointed a deputy chief of engineers in Washington, D. C.

#### Business

**Marvin A. Larson** has started his own structural engineering business in San Francisco. A licensed structural engineer in California, he has been associated with Hall, Pregnoff & Matheu, consulting engineers of San Francisco, and included in the buildings he has designed is the San Mateo County Courthouse. He has had both military and civilian experience with the Corps of Engineers and also has worked with Morrison-Knudsen in Alaska.

The office of **George E. Miller & Asociates** is opened in York, Pa., for the the practice of civil and sanitary engineering.

**John A. Cataldo and Herbert W. Standke** have been named assistants to Vice President and General Manager Frank Marcucella, for the John A. Volpe Construction Co. of Malden, Mass. Mr. Cataldo, a native of Boston, graduated from Tufts College School of Engineering in 1945 with a degree in civil engineering. Mr. Standke, a native of Germany, graduated in 1947 from Northeastern University. Other Volpe Co. changes include the promotion of **Philip A. Rossetti** to assistant to Chief Engineer Merrill B. Carter.


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## Obituaries

**Francis De Kresz,** 74, president of the Hungarian-Canadian Federation of Professional Engineers, died June 16 at Toronto, Ont. In Toronto since 1948, he had been a consulting engineer with the consulting firm of R. P. Allsop & Associates, Ltd., Toronto. He went to Canada in 1947 after communists took over his business at Budapest. He had been a professional engineer for 52 years.

**Davison Sutherland,** 69, city engineer of Toronto, Ont., died July 7. He was due to retire after nearly 50 years of civic service. A graduate in engineering from the University of Toronto, Mr. Sutherland joined the Toronto engineering staff in 1914. In 1946 he was appointed roadways engineer and in 1954, deputy city engineer.

**John Charles Riedel,** 84, retired chief engineer of New York City's Board of Estimate, died in his home in Brooklyn July 1. President of the New York State Society of Professional Engineers between 1935-1937, Mr. Riedel devoted 51 years of service to New York City, rising to chief design engineer with the Brooklyn Bureau of Sewers in the early 1900s before he began a long association with the Board of Estimate in 1934. He retired in 1952, still vigorous and alert. Mr. Riedel was a long time member of the City Planning Commission and at 76 became chairman of the City Traffic Commission. A native of New York City, he received BS and CE engineering degrees from Cooper Union and lectured there and at Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute for many years. He held high office and committee posts in the National Society of Professional Engineers, American Society for Testing Materials, American Society of Civil Engineers and various local engineering societies.

**Merle James McGruder,** 60, former Lexington city engineer and former member of the Kentucky State Highway Department, died recently at Daytona Beach, Fla.

**Virgil Jaggers, Sr.,** 69, construction engineer of West Point, Ky., died July 10 in Louisville.

**Edward W. Brown,** 71, vice president and chief engineer, Kentucky Utilities Co., Lexington, died July 18 in Lexington. He had joined the Old Dominion Power Co., a subsidiary of Kentucky Utilities, in 1917, becoming chief engineer for Kentucky Utilities in 1927 and vice president in 1939.

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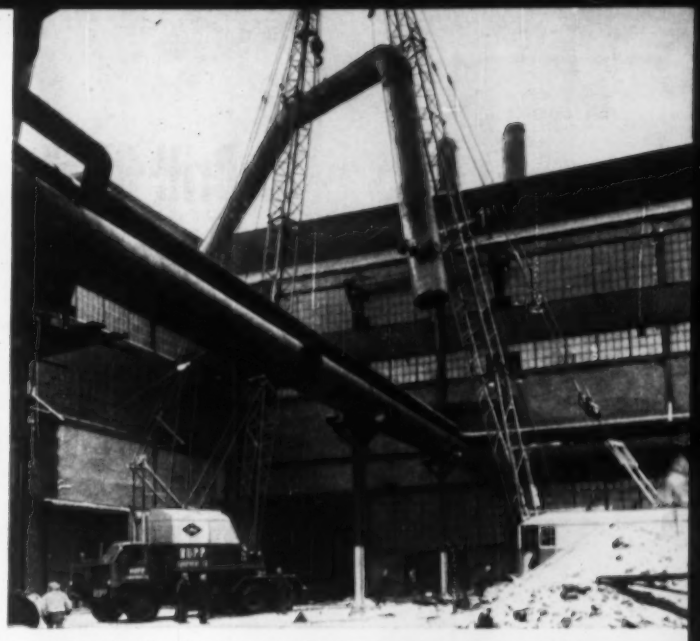

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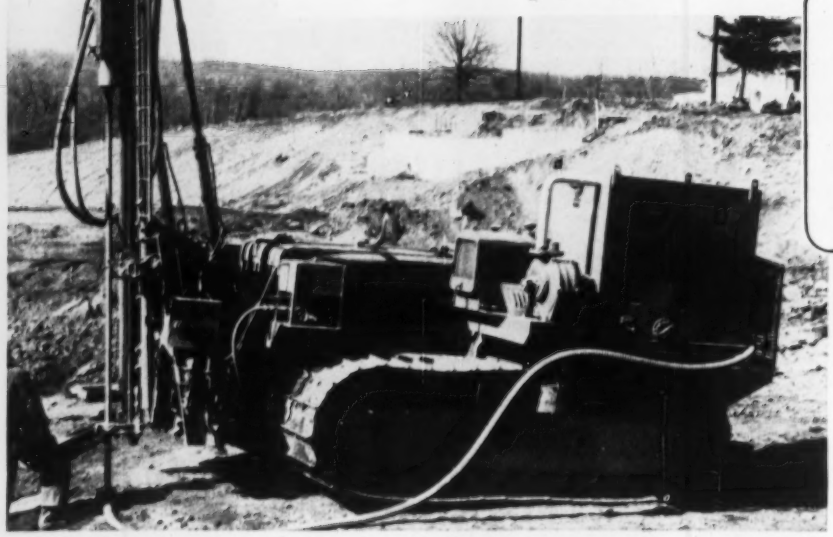

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## Scott Field Illinois Extends Runway

For overlayment of taxiway and runway at Scott Air Force Base, Belleville, Ill., the $1,006,233 contract went to Alpha Asphalt Co., East St. Louis, on close bidding. Work is for U. S. Engineers, Chicago, with DeLeuw Cather & Co., also of Chicago, as consultants.

Minimum wages in this "high cost" area range from $2.75 for common labor to $3.65 per hour for skilled work.

The three bidders were:

| | |
|---|---|
| 1C Alpha Asphalt Co., East St. Louis, Ill | $1,006,233 |
| 2 McCann & Co., Inc., Springfield, Ill. | 1,031,726 |
| 3 Maclair Asphalt Co., Inc., E. St. Louis, Ill. | 1,067,193 |
| EE Chicago Dist., Corps of Engrs, Chicago, Ill. | 810,194 |

| Bids: 5-28-57 Items | Unit | Quantity | Unit Prices 1C | 2 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Excavation general | cy | 71,000 | $0.74 | $2.00 |
| Topsoiling, 5" thick | sy | 67,800 | 0.11 | 0.25 |
| Remov exist airfld pave: | | | | |
| flexible | sy | 400 | 3.90 | 6.00 |
| concrete | sy | 400 | 2.50 | 8.00 |
| PC conc pave 8" overlay | sy | 10,822 | 10.00 | 7.00 |
| replacement | sy | 400 | 20.00 | 20.00 |
| Portland cement | bbl | 4,617 | 4.00 | 3.50 |
| Base crse replace, 5" upper | sy | 400 | 6.00 | 4.00 |
| 10" upper | sy | 243 | 11.00 | 6.00 |
| Bituminous coat prime | gal | 258 | 0.40 | 0.50 |
| tack | gal | 16,500 | 0.20 | 0.30 |
| Bitum course surf | t | 3,355 | 13.25 | 11.00 |
| binder | t | 3,468 | 12.90 | 13.00 |
| base | t | 5,807 | 12.90 | 13.00 |
| Sand asph surface course | t | 35 | 40.00 | 5.00 |
| Asphalt cement | gal | 189,962 | 0.10 | 0.11 |
| Dble bit surf trtmt rplcmt | sy | 45 | 2.00 | 5.00 |
| Airfield marking | ls | job | 3,000 | 5,000 |
| Fertilize & seed | ac | 14 | 325.00 | 300.00 |
| Storm drains, CP C-76T2 or smooth int CMP 8ga, 96" | lf | 78 | 107.12 | 100.00 |
| CP C-76T1 or SICMP 8ga, 96" | lf | 1,065 | 94.71 | 100.00 |
| CP C-76T2 or SICMP 8ga, 78" | lf | 550 | 86.52 | 100.00 |
| CP C-76T1 or SICMP 8ga, 78" | lf | 2,190 | 75.11 | 85.00 |
| CP C-76T1 48" | lf | 29 | 30.68 | 25.00 |
| CMP 12ga 48" | lf | 14 | 27.50 | 25.00 |
| 18ga 24" | lf | 19 | 17.00 | 15.00 |
| 12" | lf | 13 | 28.50 | 15.00 |
| CP C-75 15" | lf | 12 | 16.00 | 15.00 |
| Remov exist 44" x 72" CMP arch culvert | ls | job | 4,000 | 2,000 |
| CM multiplate arch culverts, 2-11'-7"x7'-5" | ls | job | 31,451 | 18,000 |
| Special manhole #1 | ls | job | 3,434 | 2,200 |
| #2 | ls | job | 5,123 | 2,800 |
| #3 | ls | job | 5,837 | 2,800 |
| #4 | ls | job | 5,236 | 2,500 |
| #5 | ls | job | 5,293 | 2,500 |
| #6 | ls | job | 4,740 | 2,200 |
| Special structure #1 | ls | job | 58,180 | 40,000 |
| #3 | ls | job | 11,012 | 10,000 |
| Control structures | ea | 2 | 9,178 | 6,000 |
| Conc pav ditch 8" thick incl gravel filter crse 6" thick | sy | 3,145 | 995 | 20 |
| Adjust exist manholes | ls | job | 1,910 | 2,000 |
| Altns to exist watr mns | ls | job | 21,420 | 3,000 |
| Comb conc crb & gut rplcmt | ls | job | 1,575 | 2,000 |
| Conc sidewalk rplcmt | ls | job | 690 | 2,000 |
| Encase gas transmissn line | ls | job | 51,500 | 30,000 |
| Modify exist stm manholes | ls | job | 23,810 | 5,000 |

Completion Schedule: 400 calendar days
Liquidated Damages: $50 per calendar day

## Run and Taxiways at Birmingham Airport

This $1,171,747 contract for extension of the NE-SW runway and construction of parallel taxiways on the north and south sides of the runway, went to Harbert Construction Corporation for a contract price 4.6% below the second low bid and 16.3% below the engineers' estimate. Goodwin Engineers, Inc., Birmingham, Alabama are the consulting engineers.

This 2450 ft runway extension, together with an 1850 ft extension under construction, will provide a 10,000 ft long runway designed for instrument landing. The runway is 150 ft wide and the taxiways are 75 ft wide.

Specifications call for class A concrete requiring a cement content of 6.35 bags per cu yd for coarse aggregate ranging from 1½" to No. 4, and 6.70 bags per cu yd for coarse aggregate ranging from 1" to No. 4.

Paving accounts for 53% of the contract price. Excavation takes 28%, drainage facilities take 7%, while the remaining 12% goes for electrical ducts, trenches, marker lights and seeding.

Wages prevailing in Birmingham include: common labor on heavy construction $1.60 per hour, truck drivers $1.60 to $2.05, tractor operators $2.66, electricians $3.175.

Bidders include:

| | |
|---|---|
| 1C Harbert Constr Corp., Birmingham, Ala | $1,171,747 |
| 2 Hewitt Constr Co., Columbus, Ga. | 1,228,354 |
| 7 Warren Bros. Roads Co, Nashville, Tenn | 1,401,435 |
| EE Goodwin Engineers Inc., Birmingham, Ala | 1,400,000 |

| Bids: 4-4-57 Items | Unit | Quantity | Unit Prices 1C | 2 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Excav, uncl | cy | 130,000 | $0.35 | 0.40 |
| borrow | cy | 600,000 | 0.48 | 0.55 |
| Crushed agg base crse, 16" | sy | 20,730 | 3.20 | 3.10 |
| 9" | sy | 35,100 | 1.80 | 1.72 |
| 8" | sy | 57,080 | 1.60 | 1.60 |
| 4" | sy | 23,772 | 0.80 | 0.83 |
| Select base material, 8" | sy | 57,060 | 0.80 | 0.25 |
| Bit base crse, 4" | sy | 54,830 | 1.35 | 1.53 |
| 1½" | sy | 55,670 | 0.54 | 0.60 |
| Blend nat limestone & sand bit surf crse, 1" | sy | 53,740 | 0.57 | 0.60 |
| 1½" | sy | 54,260 | 0.81 | 0.88 |
| Bit prime coat | gal | 33,000 | 0.18 | 0.20 |
| tack coat | gal | 27,800 | 0.20 | 0.22 |
| Runway & taxiway conc, 10" | sy | 23,557 | 6.15 | 6.30 |
| RCPES, 66" | lf | 279 | 33.00 | 40.00 |
| 48" | lf | 234 | 19.25 | 20.00 |
| 30" | lf | 200 | 9.05 | 10.00 |
| RCPSS, 66" | lf | 661 | 29.50 | 35.00 |
| 54" | lf | 505 | 22.50 | 28.00 |
| 48" | lf | 216 | 17.25 | 18.00 |
| 30" | lf | 208 | 8.30 | 9.00 |
| 24" | lf | 1,200 | 5.80 | 7.00 |
| 18" | lf | 1,770 | 4.00 | 4.50 |
| 15" | lf | 1,200 | 3.35 | 4.00 |
| Rock exc in pipe trenches | cy | 100 | 10.00 | 5.00 |
| Conc inlets, type I | ea | 10 | 600.00 | 300.00 |
| type II | ea | 5 | 900.00 | 435.00 |
| Concrete, structure | cy | 15 | 125.00 | 85.00 |
| Clearing and grubbing | ac | 24 | 425.00 | 200.00 |
| Fence, remove & store | lf | 2,000 | 0.40 | 0.20 |
| reset | lf | 1,000 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| furn & install | lf | 7,700 | 2.75 | 3.00 |
| Seeding | ac | 95 | 110.00 | 150.00 |
| Duct, undergr, conc encased 8 way 4" | lf | 110 | 10.00 | 9.70 |
| 4 way 4" | lf | 400 | 5.00 | 5.20 |
| 2 way 4" | lf | 1,270 | 3.50 | 3.30 |
| 2 way 3" | lf | 100 | 3.50 | 3.20 |
| Lights, runway mrkr, hi inten clear | ea | 8 | 375.00 | 425.00 |
| clear/yellow | ea | 16 | 385.00 | 425.00 |
| green | ea | 6 | 400.00 | 440.00 |
| elev mrkr for taxiway, compl with transfrmr | ea | 163 | 110.00 | 118.00 |
| Trench cable | lf | 43,000 | 0.22 | 0.36 |
| Cable in trench, 1-8, 3000V | lf | 11,000 | 0.20 | 0.175 |
| 1-8, 600V | lf | 136,000 | 0.17 | 0.145 |
| 1-6, 600V | lf | 5,000 | 0.20 | 0.07 |
| 1-8, bare | lf | 26,000 | 0.10 | 0.08 |
| 1-4, bare | lf | 11,000 | 0.12 | 0.12 |
| Trans vlt & equip, ip | ea | 4 | 1,000 | 200 |
| Bright control 37½ KVA trans assemb & cnt equip incl 4KW static tp regulators | ls | job | 9,000 | 11,000 |
| Marking & striping | ls | job | 1,200 | 4,883 |
| Pavt, exist, cut & repl | lf | 500 | 3.00 | 2.00 |

Time to complete: 210 calendar days.
Liquidated damages: $200 min per calendar day.


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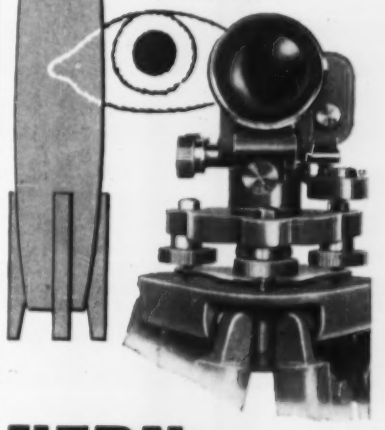

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# Materials and Labor Prices

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## CEMENT, AGGREGATE, READY-MIXED CONCRETE—F. O. B. CITY

| | PORTLAND CEMENT* Per bbl. C/L lots cash, dis. not deducted | | | SAND AND GRAVEL Per ton, carload lots | | | CRUSHED STONE Per ton, carload lots | | CRUSHED SLAG Per ton, carload lots, f.o.b. plant | | CONCRETE BLOCK 8x8x16-in.* truckload del.* per block | | CONCRETE Ready Mixed 1:2:4 del. 50 cy & over |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Paper | Bulk | Mortar | Gravel, 1½ in. | Gravel, ¾ in. | Sand | 1½ in. | ¾ in. | 1½ in. | ¾ in. | Sand grav. | Lt. wgt. agg. | |
| Atlanta | $4.31a | $3.90a | $3.57 | $2.18 | $2.28 | $2.50‡ | $2.18 | $2.33 | $1.55 | $1.65 | $0.175 | $.... | $13.75g |
| Baltimore | 4.42c | 4.01c | 3.49c | 2.80‡a | 2.80‡a | 2.25‡a | 2.85‡a | 2.90‡a | 2.05‡a | 2.00‡a | .18 | .18a | 12.95/13.45 |
| Birmingham | 4.08 | .... | .... | 2.53n | 2.53n | 2.13n | 2.75 | 2.75 | 1.55 | 1.65 | .18 | .18 | 12.55 |
| Boston | 5.75be | 4.67a | 4.79e | 3.00n | 3.00n | 3.00n | 1.75a | 1.85a | .... | .... | .23 | .275a | 15.00k |
| Chicago | 4.13a | 3.72a | 3.65/3.78 | 3.78‡b | 3.78‡b | 4.13‡b | 3.95‡b | 3.95‡b | 2.25‡ | 2.25‡ | .25 | .25b | 13.50 |
| Cincinnati | 4.46c | 4.05c | 4.03 | 2.29‡c | 2.34‡c | 2.34‡c | 2.64‡c | 2.64‡c | 1.89 | 1.89 | .19 | .24a | 13.25 |
| Cleveland | N.A. in C.L. | .... | 3.88a | 2.15ef | 1.95f | 1.65 | 4.50‡a | 4.50‡a | 3.35‡a | 3.35‡a | .... | .23 | 16.15 |
| Dallas | 3.55a | 3.15a | 3.43 | 2.60 | 2.65 | 1.90 | 2.43 | 2.63 | .... | .... | .... | .27 | 11.25 |
| Denver | 4.60a | 4.19a | 4.69 | 1.90 | 2.05 | 1.20 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .22 | .345a | 10.70 |
| Detroit | 4.10a | 3.60ag | 3.73 | 4.50‡b | 4.50‡b | 4.25‡b | 3.75‡ | 3.75‡ | 3.50‡ | 3.50‡ | .23 | .24a | 14.20 |
| Kansas City | 4.45i | 3.96a | 4.25 | .... | .... | 1.70‡a | 2.00‡a | 2.00‡a | .... | .... | .21a | .34c | 13.50 |
| Los Angeles | 5.12ch | 4.68ch | 5.60 | 2.41‡a | 2.76‡a | 2.41‡a | 2.41‡a | 2.46‡a | .... | .... | .14/m | .24m | 12.95h |
| Minneapolis | 4.40a | 4.00a | 4.07 | 2.70‡ag | 2.70‡ag | 1.90‡ag | 3.25‡ag | 3.25‡ag | .... | .... | .19 | .... | 14.30f |
| Montreal | 3.21d | 2.96d | 3.60 | 1.95‡a | 2.20‡a | 2.25‡a | 1.95‡a | 2.20‡a | 2.00 | 2.00 | .20 | .20a | 10.80ak |
| New Orleans | 3.75a | 3.45a | 3.70 | 2.44 | 2.44 | 2.00 | .... | .... | 1.45 | 1.85 | .275 | .... | 13.65 |
| New York | 4.69a | 4.38a | 4.28 | 3.05bk | 3.05bk | 2.30bk | 2.90bl | 2.90bl | .... | .... | .265 | .32b | 17.35an |
| Philadelphia | 4.49/4.84‡a | 4.09/4.46‡a | 3.70/4.33‡ | 2.85‡ap | 2.85‡ap | 2.35‡ap | 2.70‡ | 2.80‡ | 2.00 | 2.35 | .24/.30 | .... | 13.8/de |
| Pittsburgh | 5.60be | 4.47be | 5.10be | 3.40te | 3.40te | 3.90e | 2.05e | 2.05a | 2.10 | 2.10 | .26 | .28 | 15.55 |
| St. Louis | 4.01/4.33c | 3.61/3.93c | 3.86/4.18 | 3.25am | 3.10am | 2.40/3.10am | 1.60j | 1.70j | .... | .... | .24 | .30e | 12.40/12.90 |
| San Francisco | 3.94c | 3.54c | 4.38c | 2.02 | 2.02 | 2.12 | 2.17 | 2.17 | .... | .... | .24 | .28el | 12.75c |
| Seattle | 4.30a | 3.75a | 4.45a | 4.00‡bm | 4.00‡bm | 4.00‡bm | 4.50‡bm | 4.50‡bm | .... | .... | .26 | .37c | 13.30g |
| Toronto | 4.03 | 4.03 | 4.03 | 2.40‡ | 2.40‡ | 2.05‡ | 2.20 | 2.20 | 2.20 | 2.20 | .25 | .275c | 16.25 |

‡ Delivered. * Prices incl. dealers discount except as noted.

**CEMENT:** *a Less 10¢ disc, 15 days. *b Less 2% disc, 15 days. *c Less 10¢ disc, 10 days. *d Truckload lots, deliv. 10¢ disc, 20 days. *e Truckload lots *f Fob mill, add 13.80 to $20.30 per car switching charges *g fob mill + freight *h LCL. *i Less 2% disc, 10 days

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**READY MIXED CONCRETE:** *a 5 cu. yds. or over del. Man. *b 25 cu. yds or more *c 10-100 cy. brackets. *e 2,000 lb comp. *f 2,500 lb. comp. *g Less 25¢ disc, 15 days. *h Less 50¢ for cash. *i 5% off for cash. *j 2% off for cash. *k Federal tax included. Add 5% mun. & prov. *l 1:2½:3½. *m F.o.b. yard. *n Plus escalator clause. *o Add 15¢ for ea. add'l 3-mi zone.

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| | Bulk | | Bulk | | Bulk | | Bulk | | Bulk |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Richard City, Tenn | $3.30† | Buffington, Ind | $3.25† | Steelton, Minn | $3.45† | Muskegon, Mich | $3.30† | Toledo, O | $3.30† |
| Clinchfield, Ga | 3.30† | Independence, Kan | 3.10† | Leeds, Ala | 3.15† | Saginaw, Mich | 3.30† | Milwaukee, Wis | 3.35† |
| Kingsport, Tenn | 3.30† | Hannibal, Mo | 3.35† | Duluth, Minn | 3.45† | Wyandotte, Mich | 3.30† | Green Bay, Wis | 3.35† |
| West Des Moines, Iowa | 3.35† | Northampton, Pa | 3.35† | Hudson, N. Y | 3.35† | Buffalo, N. Y | 3.40† | Ironton, O | 3.30† |
| Nazareth, Pa | 3.35† | Universal, Pa | 3.45† | Alpena, Mich | 3.20† | Oswego, N. Y | 3.45† | Montreal City | 2.55† |
| Bath, Pa | 3.35† | Waco, Tex. (+ 10¢ tax) | 3.35† | Detroit, Mich | 3.30† | Cleveland, O | 3.35† | W. Winfield, Pa | 3.45† |
| Lesley, Pa | 3.35† | Giant, S. C | 3.35† | Howes Cave, N. Y | 3.35† | Alsen, N. Y | 3.35† | Security, Md | 3.35† |

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| Baltimore | 180.00‡ | .... | .... | 23.00s | .... | .095s | 0.185s | .10swE | .19swE | .10s | .105s | 0.195s |
| Birmingham | .... | 62.00t | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Boston | .... | .... | .... | 24.00ap | 46.00ap | 24.00as | 46.00as | .11aPw | .24aPw | .11ao | .174aGo | .25aGo |
| Chicago | 180.00‡, | 90.00‡b | 3.95/4.00‡j | 24.25b | 34.25b | 21.40bs | 31.40bs | .11bwH | .19bwH | .085b | .... | .... |
| Cincinnati | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Cleveland | .... | 83.00d | 6.30g | 25.00A | .... | 25.00A | .... | .1115AwF | .... | .... | .1115AG | .31AG |
| Dallas | s | 40.00 | s | 26.35 | 45.39 | .1116 | .1944 | 29.80 | 51.40 | .1080 | .1116 | .1994 |
| Denver | .... | 56.00 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Detroit | .... | 112.00 | .... | 29.65 | .... | 29.65s | .... | .1285wI | .... | .1026 | .... | .35 |
| Kansas City | s | s | s | 20.40cl | .... | 20.40v | .... | .0925cwJ | .... | .085c | 0.125e | .... |
| Los Angeles | s | .... | s | 21.00dms | .... | 21.00dxs | .... | 22.50dz K | .... | 21.50ds | .097 | .197 |
| Minneapolis | .... | .... | 3.73h | 29.50 | .... | 29.50 | .... | 0.125w | .... | 0.115 | .134 | .... |
| Montreal | s | s | s | 32.50n | 44.80n | .176n | .226n | 18.70nuK | 23.70nuK | .154n | .242ns | .27ns |
| New Orleans | .... | .... | .... | 20.00s | .... s | 20.00s | .... s | .095sw | .... s | .085B | .095BL | .... |
| New York | .... | .... | 3.70f | 26.89qCD | 47.32qD | 26.89wCD | 47.32wD | .1273wCDF | .2139wDF | .... | .1273CD | .2188D |
| Philadelphia | 175/185 | 110/130 | 4.08 | 22.00 | .... | 22.00 | .... | .095wF | .... | .095 | .... | .... |
| Pittsburgh | 60.00k | 90.12l | 6.35 | 28.30t | .... | 30.90ts | .... | .1351t | .... | .14 | .1351t | .... |
| St. Louis | .... | .... | .... | 22.90f | .... | 1825 | .... | .1035fwM | .... | 0.165 | .825f | .... |
| San Francisco | .... | 70.00x | .... | 23.00g | 40.00g | 23.00gks | 40.00gks | 24.00gN | 41.50gN | 23.75xg | .10y | .19y |
| Seattle | .... | .... | .... | 27.00x | 40.50A | 27.00s | .... | 28.50K | .... | 24.75Ax | .10A | .11Ar |
| Toronto | .... | 123.00 | 4.80 | 40.10 | 59.38 | 0.2004 | 0.2445 | 0.214w | 0.258w | 0.198‡ | 0.216 | .271 |

‡ Delivered.

**PAVING BRICK & BLOCK:** *b 3 x 4 x 8. *c 2¼ x 8¼ x 4. *d LCL, truck deliveries. *e Not used. *f 2" interior 8¢ treat. *g 3" *h 2" tr, 8¢ *i 3 x 3⅝ x 8½". *j 2½", 6 lb. tr. *k Used. *l Red shale; day $10.32. *m Pine; oak $6.57.

**ASPHALTS:** *a Price at plant, Everett, Mass. *b F.o.b. refinery, Lockport, Ill. *c F.o.b. Sugar Creek, Mo. *d F.o.b. refinery, El Segunda. *e F.o.b. Baton Rouge. *f F.o.b. Wood River, Ill. *g F.o.b. Richmond, Calif. *h F.o.b. Martinez. *i F.o.b. refinery, Baltimore. *j F.o.b. refinery, Inglewood, Calif. *k 50-110 penetr. *l Less than 100 penetr. *m 40/80 penetr. *n Fed. tax included; add 5% for mun. & prov. *o Drums not avail. Shipped in steel bbl. *p 60/70 penetr. *q 40/300 penetr. *r In customer's drums. *s Shipped in drums, per drum. *t 85/300 penetr. *u Per 100 gal. *v Per ton. *w Per gal. *x Also tank trucks. *y F.o.b. Oakland. *z F.o.b Edmonds. *A F.o.b. refinery, Cleveland. *B F.o.b. Destrehan, La. *E RC. *F Also RC. *G Also MS, SS. *H RC 0-5 incl. *I MC 4. *J MC, RC $0.095 *K MC 3, 4 & 5. *L MS. *M MC 1-5, RC 1-5, $0.106. *N MC 3. *O Truckload. *P F.o.b. refinery Savannah: $0.09/gal., tank cars; $0.20/gal., drums. *Q F.o.b. Eldorado, Ark. / Correction.

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## NEW ENGLAND

### HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—BA

▲ Conn., Hartford—BA 8/19—The Greater Hartford Bridge Auth., 71 Capitol Ave., New Founders Bridge approaches and connectors, Hartford Side, 1,600 ft. c. conc. on riverfront section of Hartford-Springfield Expressway, north and south roadways, ramps and viaducts. $5,000,000. E. Lionel Pavlo, 7 E. 47 St., New York, N. Y., engr. John Mozzochi, 1533 Hebron Ave., Glastonbury, assoc. engr. CD 2/16/56, under Connecticut.

### HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—LB & CA

▲ Abner Rosenberg, 142 Orange Ave., West Haven, Conn., Owner Builds. $3,500,000, 350,000 sq. ft., SHOPPING CENTER, SPRINGFIELD, MASS. Ryder, Struppman & Neumann, 90-04 161 St., Jamaica, N. Y., archts.

▲ Abner Rosenberg, 142 Orange Ave., West Haven, Conn., Owner Builds. $2,900,000. 200 HOUSES, ELLINGTON, CONN. Arnold Lawrence, 571 Porter St., Manchester, Conn., archt.

## MIDDLE ATLANTIC

### HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—LB & CA

▲ NEW JERSEY—State Hy. Dpt., 1035 Parkway Ave., Trenton,
S. J. Groves & Sons Co., U. S. Hy. No. 9, Woodbridge, LB $3,947,926 (6 bidders), constr. 2.3 mi. section of Interstate and Defense Freeway Route 101 between Route 15, at Wharton, and Mt. Hope-Rockaway Rd. in Rockaway Twp., Morris Co. Bids July 25. CD 7/19.

### BUILDINGS—LB & CA

▲ Walter Kidde Constructors, Inc., 140 Cedar St., New York, N. Y. CA $2,235,000, general contract one 3 story, 58x110 ft. and two 7 story, 54x135 ft. HOSPITAL wings, Easton Ave., NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J. St. Peter's Hospital, Bd. Trustees, Easton Ave., New Brunswick, N. J. Bids June 19. CD 7/8, under LB.

▲ Dr. Arthur Widenmeyer, Richboro, Pa. Separate Contracts. $5,000,000. 250-unit RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, Harmony Farms, Northampton Twp., RICHBORO, PA. J. G. Parks & Assoc., Washington Crossing, Pa., engrs.

▲ Henry A. Knott, 2406 Greenmount Ave., Baltimore, Md. CA $9,000,000, 900 HOMES in Palmer Development, LANHAM, MD. Frank Development Co., Inc., 1523 L St., N. W., Wash., D. C.

## SOUTH

### HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—LB & CA

▲ FLORIDA—State Road Dpt., Tallahassee, Bids opened 7/23,
Fla.—Duval Eng. & Contr. Co., Box 1588, Jacksonville, Fla., LB $214,829 (4 bidders), sand bit. road mix with mineral seal coat; surf. existing pavt. with mineral seal coat drainage structures, etc. 8.401 mi. from SR 210 to SR A-1-A at Ponta Vedra, FA Proj. No. S-478(1), Job No. 7860-250, SR S-210-A, St. Johns Co.; LB $890,445 (3 bidders), b. conc. surf. course with binder course; drainage structures; storm sewers, etc. 2.521 mi. in Jacksonville Beach and Neptune Beach from SR 212 to SR 10, SP Job No. 7210-113, SR Ala., Duval Co.;
Fla.—C. T. Stockton, Inc., 660 N. W. 54th St., Miami 37, Fla., LB $445,392 (7 bidders), 8½ in. limerock base, Type 1-A surf. treat.; b. conc. surf. course; constr. concrete deck slab bridge on concrete pile bents, etc. 7.624 mi. from Lake Park north to Boy Scout Camp Road, SP Job No. 9309-109, SR A-1-A, Palm Beach Co.;
Fla.—Coggin & Deermont, Chipley, Fla., LB $335,158 (3 bidders), b. conc.; surf.; sand asph. hot mix; drainage structures; wid'n. existing A.C.L. R.R. overpass; constr. 165 ft. concrete bridge on steel pile bents; 90 ft. timber detour bridge, etc. 2.509 mi. between point inside east city limits of Chattahooche and point approx. 2.5 mi. east, FAP Nos. FG-006-3(3) and F-006-3(6), Job Nos. 5001-301 and 5001-203, SR 10 (U.S. 90), Gadsden Co.;
Fla.—Ryan Constr. Co., Rte. 5, Box 264, Tampa 4, Fla., LB $374,441 (6 bidders), surf. treat.; constr. 240 ft. concrete slab deck bridge on concrete pile bents; quadruple 10 ft. x 7 ft. concrete box culvert, etc., 0.217 mi. at Taylor Creek north of Okeechobee, SP Job No. 9102-113, SR 15; replacing 12 timber bridges with concrete box culverts; replacing one timber bridge with 120 ft. concrete slab deck bridge on concrete pile bents, etc. 0.056 mi. between North Co. line and Okeechobee, Job No. 9105-105, SR 15, Okeechobee Co. CD 7/12.

▲ MISSISSIPPI—State Hy. Dpt., T. C. Robbins, dir., Jackson,
Miss.—H & F Engineering Co., Inc., Gulfport, Miss., CA $957,053 est. $1,050,000; grading, bridge, base, c. conc. double base surf. treat., hot plant mix asph. pavt. 3.811 mi. U. S. Hy. No. 49 between Gulfport and Wiggins. Proj. U-008-1 (1), Harrison Co.;
Miss.—Ford & Jones Constr. Co., Taylorsville, Miss. CA $191,492, est. $194,000; grading, draining, culverts, box bridge 7.185 mi. Miss. Hy. No. 531 between Taylorsville and Bay Springs, Proj. S-0335-711 A, Smith Co.;
Miss.—Mid-State Paving Co., Meridian, Miss. CA $103,989, est. $103,000, wid'n., base and double base surf. treat. 5.928 mi. Miss. Hy. No. 13 between Prentiss and Columbia, Proj. F-037-1 (8), Jefferson and Davis Counties;
Miss.—W. E. Blaine & Son, Mount Olive, Miss. CA $222,684, est. $238,000, grading, draining, culverts 12.195 mi. Miss. Hy. No. 613 between Lucedale and Moss Point, Proj. F-031-1 (2), George Co.;
Miss.—Gerald Smith Co., Inc., Jackson, Miss. CA $421,856, est. $433,000, grading, grade separation structures, grav. base, double base surf. treat. 1.087 mi. U. S. Hy. No. 51 in Jackson. Proj. I-091-2 (13) Hinds Co. Grand total $1,847,074. Bids July 23, CD 7/12.

▲ LOUISIANA—State Hy. Dpt., Hy. Office Bldg., Baton Rouge,
La.—John F. Beasley Constr. Co., Mercantile Bank, Dallas, Tex., CA $1,192,840. Carrollton Airline Interchange (Pontchartrain Expressway) Stage II, Rte. 3019, 0.49 mi. S.P. 283-08-05, FAP I-524 (4), Orleans Parish, CD 5/20, under LB;
La.—Boh Bros. Constr. Co., 2400 Cypress St., New Orleans, La., CA $2,609,007. Mississippi River approaches (Pontchartrain Expressway) Rte. 3019 Proj. 283-08-10, FAP FU 409 (10), Contr. No. 2, Orleans Parish. Bids May 8. CD 5/13, under LB.

▲ LOUISIANA—State Hy. Dpt., State Hy. Office, Baton Rouge,
La.—Cook Constr. Co., Box 8466, Jackson, Miss., CA $1,788,120. West Atchafalaya Floodway Crossing Hy. Route La. US 190, State Proj. 12-13-29 & 8-04-14, Fed. Aid Proj. F-169 (12), St. Landry Parish;
La.—T. L. James & Co., Inc., Ruston, La., CA $1,392,854 Victory Dr. Interchange, Stage I, Route LA 3019, State Proj. 283-08-17, CTR. No. 3, Orleans Parish, CD 5/28, under LB; CA $789,387 Many-Hornbeck Hy., Route LA-US 171, State Proj. 25-02-11, Sabine Parish, CD 5/31, under LB;

La.—R. B. Tyler Co., 2500 Poydras St., New Orleans, La., CA $732,830. Gretna-Belle Chasse Hy. Route LA 23, Proj. 62-01-07 & 62-02-27 Jefferson and Plaquemines Parishes, CD 5/28, under LB. Grand total $4,703,191. Bids May 22.

▲ LOUISIANA—State Hy. Dpt., Hy. Office Bldg., Baton Rouge,
La.—T. L. James & Co. Inc., Ruston, La. CA $964,276, c. conc. 9.925 mi. Goldman-St. Joseph Hy. Rte. LA-US 65, SP 20-02-04, FA Proj. F-404 (7) Tensas Parish;
La.—W. H. Patterson & Co., Box 2229, Baton Rouge, La. CA $527,103, wid'n. existing c. conc.; bit. hot mix surf. 9.961 mi. Rte. LA 12, S. P. 12-05-02 and 12-04-16, F. A. Proj. F-389 (6) Beauregard and Calcasieu Parishes. Bids Apr. 24. CD 5/2, under LB.

▲ Southern Builders, Inc., 495 W. 61 St., Shreveport, La. CA $1,147,789, water treatment plant and related facilities, BOSSIER CITY, LA. City, City Hall, Bossier City, La. Bids June 11. CD 6/14, under LB.

E. N. Murray, Buena Vista, Ga. CA $847,770, Contr. No. 1 general construction of water pipe lines, Terrebonne Parish, HOUMA, LA. Water Dist. No. 3, Houma, La. CD 5/20, under LB.

### BUILDINGS—LB & CA

▲ A. B. Newton & Co., Box 191, Vidalia, Ga. CA $1,295,000, low-rent HOUSING, Fla. 21-1 and 21-2, PAHOKEE, FLA. Pahokee Housing Auth., Box 918, Pahokee, Fla. Bids June 4. CD 6/11, under LB.

▲ J. M. Brown Constr. Co., Box 102, Shreveport, La. CA $1,048,892. Men's and Women's DORMITORIES and DINING HALL alterations, Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, RUSTON, LA. State Bd. Educ., Baton Rouge, La. Bids July 17, awarded July 19. CD 7/25, under LB.

## MIDDLE WEST

### BUILDINGS—SLC

▲ Wis., Milwaukee — HOSPITAL — Milwaukee Hospital, 2200 W. Kilbourn Ave., soon lets contract 5 story hospital addn., $1,500,000-$1,750,000. Ebling, Plunkett & Keymar, 1220 N. Milwaukee St., Zone 2, archts.

### HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—LB & CA

▲ W. L. Johnson Constr. Co., Groveport, O., CA $1,663,553 (8 bidders) taxiways, parking lot, lighting, drainage, all utilities, new Port Columbus Airport Terminal Bldg., COLUMBUS, O. City, City Hall, Columbus, O. CD 9/19.

ILLINOIS—Dpt. P. Wks. & Bldgs., Div. Hys., State Fair Grounds, Springfield,
H. H. Mass Constr. Co., Algonquin, Ill., CA $809,294, 7 span bridge over Kankakee River, F. A. Rte. 18, Kankakee Co. Bids June 21. CD 6/27, under LB.

▲ Paschen Contrs., Inc., 2739 Elston Ave., Chicago, Ill., LB $1,852,737, Congress Expressway, 3 bridges, B. & O. R. R., C. T. R. R., C. & A. R. R.; LB $1,618,646, 31 St. grade separation over Cicero Ave., 7,239 ft. sewers, steel bridge, concrete paving, Chicago-Cicero, CHICAGO, ILL. Cook Co., County Bldg., Chicago, Ill. Bids June 25, CD 6/24;
States Improv. Co., 1305 S. Ave., Maywood, Ill., LB $87,423, Hintz Rd. Bridge between Wolf Rd. and Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling, (Chicago, Ill.),

▲ Paschen Contractors, 2733 Elston St., Chicago, Ill., CA $1,857,237, grade separation, Congress St. Expressway at Central Ave. and B. & O. R. R. CD 6/24; CA $695,552, grade separation Congress Expressway at Central and Old Congress St. Grand total $2,981,963. CHICAGO, ILL. Cook Co., Chicago, Ill. CD 7/2, under LB;
Thomas McQueen Co., 1313 Circle Dr., Forest Park, Ill., CA $429,174, grade separation Edens Expressway exten., Wilson Ave. CD 7/9, under LB (Chicago, Ill.),

▲ John C. Tully Co., 4833 32 St., Cicero, Ill., CA $1,157,799, Northwest Hy. storm drain, Keating Ave. to Pulaski Rd.; CA $188,652, Northwest Expressway storm drain, Pulaski Rd. to Roscoe Ave., CHICAGO, ILL. Cook Co., Chicago, Ill. Awarded July 16.

▲ Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Co., 228 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill. LB $2,990,300 (2 bidders) bulkhead, dredging for Municipal Pier No. 2, MILWAUKEE, WIS. Bd. Harbor Comrs., Milwaukee, Wis. Bids July 23. CD 6/28.

▲ MICHIGAN—State Hy. Dpt., Charles M. Ziegler, state hy. comr., Stevens T. Mason Bldg., Lansing,
Mich.—Denton Constr. Co., 20415 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe, Mich., CA $2,697,975 est. $3,170,000 (12 bidders) dual 24 ft. concrete pav. and three bridges 5.809 mi. on Detroit-Toledo Expressway from Rockwood north, BI 82191 C1-RC (I 017-1 1) BI 82191 C2-RO (I 05-1 4) BI B6 and BI B9 of 82-1-23 C2-RO (I 017-1 1) Part II BI B12 of 82-1-23 C2-RO (I 05-1 4), Wayne Co.; CA $273,424 est. $340,000 (12 bidders), c. concrete and b. conc. 0.995 mi. M-47 to M-21 in Owosso, US 76011 G1 U (US 262 3), Shiawassee Co.;
Mich.—Spartan Asphalt Paving Co., Holt, Mich., CA $187,197 est. $280,000 (13 bidders), b. conc. Class I 16.69 mi. on US 16 from railroad grade separation

### PROJECTS COVERED

#### By Size

**Construction projects here reported cover the United States and Canada, are of these minimum sizes or larger: water supply, earthwork, waterways $44,000; other public works $73,000; industrial buildings $93,000; other buildings $344,000. Also Foreign projects of $100,000 and more in size of interest to American contractors.**

#### By Regions & Classes of Construction

**(In order of Listing)**

**BIDS ASKED**
**LOW BIDDERS**
**CONTRACTS AWARDED**

**New England** — **Middle West**
**Middle Atlantic** — **West of Mississippi**
**South** — **Far West**

**PROPOSED WORK**
**Water Supply** — **Public Buildings**
**Sewers, Waste Disposal** — **Mass Housing**
**Bridges** — **Commercial Buildings**
**Streets & Roads** — **Industrial Buildings**
**Earthwork, Waterways** — **Unclassified**

#### In These Stages

**PROPOSED WORK: Before and including appointment of engineers or architects.**
**BIDS ASKED: BA (new announcements only). For** full calendar, see also preceding issues.
**SOON LETS CONTRACT: SLC**

**LOW BIDDERS: LB On jobs below $500,000 in value all low bidder news will be the final reports published on the projects involved except where award is not made to the low bidder. In this case, a supplementary contract award report will be published.**

**CONTRACTS AWARDED: CA Except awards to low bidders previously reported in low bidder stage.**

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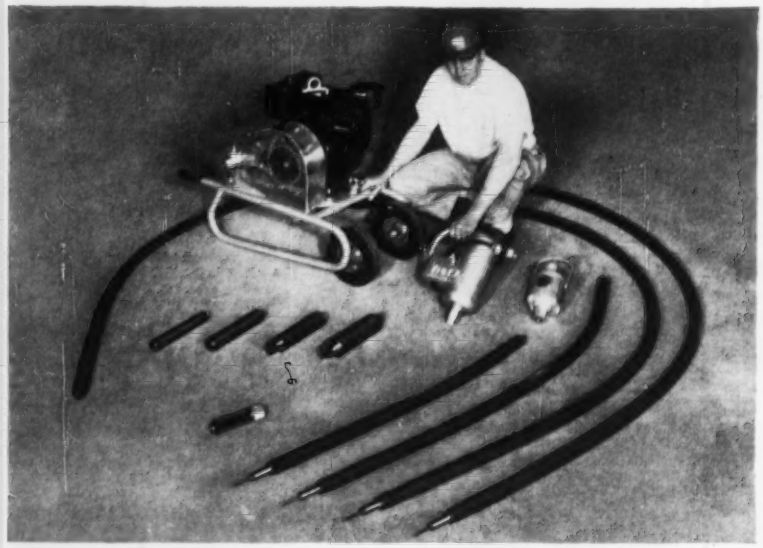

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east of East Lansing easterly and intermittently, M 33082 C1-R M 47061 C1-R, Ingham and Livingston Counties;

Mich.—**Dan S. Parr**, Manistee, Mich., CA **$82,182**, est. $100,000 (20 bidders), 22 ft. aggreg. surf. course 4.01 on FAS Rte 106 and ½ mi. west of Blanchard west, CS 54-42 CL (S 894 1), Mecosta Co.;

Mich.—**Cooke Contg. Co.**, 1116 Penobscot Bldg., Detroit, Mich., CA **$146,043** est. $190,000 (12 bidders) b. conc. 10.351 mi. West Co. line, Range St., Jeddo Rd. and Broad Bridge Rd., CS 77-86 C1 (S 994 1) CS 77-87 C1 (S 1215 1) CS 77-87 C2 (S 1206 1) CS 77-82 C2 (S 1225 2) CS 77-82 C3 (S 1225 3), St. Clair Co.;

Mich.—**H. J. Brighton**, Farmington, Mich., CA **$605,978** est. $700,000 (11 bidders), c. conc. Ramps Service Roads and approaches and street lighting on M-153 Ford Road at Southfield Road Grade separation. F 82061 C3-U (F 250 7), Wayne Co. Grand total $3,992,809, Bids May 8, CD 6/26.

### BUILDINGS—LB & CA

**Altman-Coady Co.**, 1251 Fairwood Ave., Columbus, O. CA **$913,444**, 4 story STUDENT NURSING WING with DORMITORY for 100 students, COLUMBUS, O. Mt. Carmel Hospital, W. Town St. and Davis Ave., Columbus, O. Financed by publicly voted hospital bond issue. Bids July 18. CD 7/25, under LB.

▲ **James E. McNamara Constr. Co.**, Carmel, Ind., Owner Builds. **$2,000,000**, 200 HOMES AND SHOPPING CENTER, Two Gaits Farm, near Mt. Carmel, CARMEL, IND.

▲ **Bert L. Smokler & Co.**, 1200 Penobscot Bldg., Detroit, Mich. Owner Builds. **$3,400,000**, 232 brick HOMES, Madison Acres, 12 mile Rd., east of Stephenson Hy., MADISON HEIGHTS, MICH.

## WEST OF MISSISSIPPI

### BUILDINGS—BA

▲ **Colo., Boulder**—CHEMISTRY—BA 8/13—University of Colorado, Campus, Boulder, 3 story, bsmnt., 106,000 sq. ft. chemistry bldg. addn. $1,750,000. Extended date. Huntington & Breisford, 370 W. 7 St., Denver, archts. Trautwein & Howard, 1411 Walnut St., Phila. 2, Pa., engrs. CD 7/3.

▲† **Mo., Fort Leonard Wood**—HOUSING—BA 8/15—U. S. Eng., 1800 Federal Office Bldg., Kansas City 6, Mo., 2,372 units of Capehart HOUSING, ENG-23-02-58-1 Proj. 085-81001. $20,000,000. Plans deposit $81. Robert R. Bayles & Assocs., 5833 Woodson St., Misson, Kan., engrs. Marshall & Brown, 1016 Baltimore Ave., Kansas City, Mo., archts. CD 7/11.

▲ **Mo., St. Louis County**—SCHOOL—BA 8/15—English Benedictines, St. Louis Priory, Dom Columba Cary-Elwes O.S.B. Prior, **Mason Rd. south of Conway Rd.**, Creve Coeur (selected list of bidders), 2 story, part bsmnt., 60x133 ft. brick, masonry blocks, steel, bar joists, concrete etc., monastery, and 1 story, 125x106½ ft. and 41x85 ft. gymnasium in connection with Catholic Preparatory School for Boys, Hellmuth, Obata & Kasabaum, Inc., 315 N. 10th St., Zone 1, archt. CD 2/5.

▲ **Tex., Wichita Falls**—HOSPITAL—BA 8/15—Bd. for Texas State Hospitals & Special Schools, c/o Dr. J. A. Bethea, exec. dir., 4405 Lamar St., Austin, hospital addn. $1,000,000. Plans deposit $100 for 2 sets. Extended date. Preston M. Geren, 1607 Fort Worth National Bldg., archts. CD 7/10.

▲ **Colo., Colorado Springs**—COURT HOUSE—BA 8/20—El Paso County Bldg. Auth., Court House, 5 story, bsmnt., 81,000 sq. ft. court house. $1,585,000. Earle A. Deits, 413 Mining Exchange Bldg., engr.-archt. CD 2/7.

### HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—LB & CA

▲ **MISSOURI**—State Hy. Comn., Jefferson City, Mo., Mo.—**Clarkson Constr. Co.**, 4133 Gardner Ave., Kansas City, Mo., CA **$1,841,020**, graded earth and two 24 ft. c. conc. 7.263 mi. Boone Co.;

Mo.—**Reno Constr. Co.**, P. O. Box 61, Overland Park, Kan., CA **$917,769**, graded earth, culverts and b. conc. 7.986 mi. Camden Co. Bids May 24. CD 6/5, under LB.

▲ **TEXAS**—State Hy. Comn., Austin, Bids opened 7/24,

Tex.—**Reynolds & Huff**, P. O. Box 88, Tyler, Tex. LB **$115,083**, grading, structures, base and surf. 5.066 mi. Hy. FM 317 Proj. S. 806 (2), Henderson Co.;

Tex.—**Fred Hall & Son**, P. O. Box 488, Valley Mills, Tex. LB **$89,811**, grading, structures, base and surf. 2.321 mi. Hy. FM 1181 Proj. S. 1989 (2), Ellis Co.;

Tex.—**W. H. Moser Constr. Co.**, P.O. Box 569, Paris, Tex. LB **$319,087**, flex. base and two course surf. treat. 6.71 mi. Hy. FM 195 & Loop 286. Proj. S. 282 (2) & S. 2156 (1), Lamar Co.;

Tex.—**Border Constr. Co.**, P. O. Box 647, Laredo, Tex. LB **$129,856**, grading, structures, base and surf. 5.511 mi. Hy. FM 335. Proj. R. 830-2-4, Real Co.;

Tex.—**Dew Constr. Co., Inc.**, P. O. Box 641, Tyler, Tex. LB **$87,504**, soil cement base and surf. 5.764 mi. Hy. FM 79. Proj. C. 688-2-13, Lamar Co.;

Tex.—**The Jarbet Co.**, P. O. Box 5008, San Antonio, Tex., LB **$910,706**, flex base, hot mix b. conc. 11.932 mi. Hy. SH 36. Proj. C. 186-5-6, Washington Co.;

Tex.—**T. L. James & Co., Inc.**, P. O. Box 531, Ruston, La., LB **$947,627**, foundation course, c. conc. pavt. 4.329 mi. Hy. U. S. 77. Proj. IN. 597(12), Cooke Co.;

Tex.—**Cage Brothers**, 6959 San Pedro Ave., San Antonio, Tex., LB **$1,208,877**, flex. base, hot mix b. conc. 8.81 mi. Hy. U. S. 80. Proj. I. 525 (7), Mitchell Co.;

Tex.—**Southwestern Constr. Co.**, 1219 Cotton Exchange Bldg., Dallas, Tex., LB **$134,609**, grading, structures, base surf. 5.405 mi. Hy. FM 939. Proj. S. 1500(1), McLennan Co.;

Tex.—**Henry L. Stafford**, P. O. Box 1047, Lubbock, Tex., LB $127,171, grading, structures, base and surf. 10.794 mi. Hy. FM 652. Proj. S. 1578(2), Loving Co.;
Tex.—**Hugh McMillan**, P. O. Box 1227, El Paso, Tex., LB $89,303, grading, structures, base and surf. 3.968 mi. Hy. RM 2462, Proj. S. 2197 (1), Brewster Co.;
Tex.—**John T. Leslie**, Bailey, Tex., LB $218,222, grading, structures, base and surf. 7.085 mi. Hy. FM 151. Proj. C. 202-2&1-8&5, Fanning and Grayson Counties;
Tex.—**South Texas Constr. Co.**, P. O. Box 3536, Corpus Christi, Tex., LB $170,767, grading, structures, base and surf. 6.022 mi. Hy. FM 444. Proj. C. 840-1-3, Victoria Co.;
Tex.—**Lange & Lowman Constr. Co.**, P. O. Box 506, Brenham, Tex., LB $73,884, flex. base shoulders, one and two course surf. treat. 10.307 mi. Hy. U. S. 69. Proj. C. 199-8-4 & C. 200-1-17, Angelina Co.;
Tex.—cancelled bids to have been opened June 24, grading, storm sewers, cement stab. base, concrete pavt., etc. 1.787 mi. Hy. Loop 137. Proj. I. 1057(8) & U 1057 (9), Harris Co. CD 7/9.

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Tex.—**Cage Brothers**, 6959 San Pedro Ave., San Antonio, Tex. CA $1,208,877 flex. base, hot mix b. conc. 8.81 mi. Hy. U. S. 80, Proj. I.525 (7), Mitchell Co.;
Tex.—**T. L. James & Co., Inc.**, P. O. Box 531, Ruston, La. CA $947,627, foundation course c. conc. 4.329 mi. Hy. U. S. 77. Proj. IN. 597 (12) Cooke Co. Bids June 24, awarded July 26. CD 7/29, under LB.

▲† **Robert E. McKee**, P. O. Drawer 562, El Paso, Tex. LB $2,157,300, retaining wall facing, at Air Force Academy, IFB 05-613-57-39, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. Dpt. Air Force, Box 1670, Colorado Springs, Colo. Bids July 23. CD 6/27.

### BUILDINGS—LB & CA

▲ **Robert Danneberg**, 4942 Baltimore St., Kansas City, Mo. CA Est. $3,500,000-$4,000,000, 240 HOUSES, near O'Brien Rd., east of Hy. 50, LEE'S SUMMIT, MO., City Homes, Inc., 1111 Grand Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

**W. S. Bellows Constr. Corp.**, 716 N. Everton, Houston, Tex. CA $968,600, SHOPPING CENTER addn., Beechnut and Post Oak Rds., HOUSTON, TEX. Meyerland Plaza Shopping Center, 4703 Jason St., Houston, Tex. CD 7/11.

▲ **J. C. Boespflug Constr. Co.**, P. O. Box 1237, Billings, Mont. CA $1,576,507, est. $1,540,000, 1 story, 35,000 sq. ft. 50 bed HOSPITAL, 20,000 sq. ft. in REHABILITATION CENTER, THERMOPOLIS, WYO. Hot Springs County Hospital Court House, Thermopolis, Wyo. Bids June 27, awarded July 22. CD 7/9.

## FAR WEST

### HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—LB & CA

▲ **CALIFORNIA**—State Div. Hys., 120 S. Spring St., Los Angeles, Bids opened 7/25,
**Guy F. Atkinson Co.**, 10 West Orange Ave., South San Francisco, Calif., LB $5,748,745 (11 bidders) grading, paving and 9 structures, 12 retaining walls for 8-lane divided freeway in Culver City and Los Angeles, 3.6 mi. between 0.2 mi. south Venice Blvd. and 0.3 mi. north Ohio Ave. VII LA 158 CIC LA, A, Los Angeles Co. CD 6/24.

▲ **CALIFORNIA**—State Div. Hys., 120 S. Spring St., Los Angeles, Bids opened 7/25,
Calif.—**R. E. Hazard** and **W. F. Maxwell**, Cabrillo Freeway at Friars Rd., San Diego, Calif., LB $1,368,476 (4 bidders) about 1.1 mi. graded, surf., rein.-conc. box girder bridge in San Diego between 0.4 mi. south Washington St. and Barnett Ave., SI S. D.-2; S.D., San Diego Co.;
Calif.—**Fischbach & Moore, Inc.**, 646 North Beachwood Dr., Los Angeles, Calif., LB $154,300 (4 bidders) traffic signal sys., hy. lighting and channelization in Long Beach and Lakewood on Lakewood Blvd. between Carson and South Sts., VII LA 168, 178, LBch, Lkw. LBch, Los Angeles Co.;
Calif.—**Sully-Miller Contg. Co.**, 1500 West 7th St., Long Beach, Calif., LB $162,246 (6 bidders) about 0.9 mi. graded and surf. over cement treated base and existing surf. in Los Angeles Co. and city of Long Beach on 7th St. between Bellflower Blvd. and Los Cerritos Flood Control Channel, VII L.A. 179, LBch, A, Los Angeles Co. CD 7/1.

▲† **Earl H. Parker, Inc.**, 12th & F. Sts., Marysville, Calif., LB $2,259,333, on alternate bid for use of cobblestones, est. $2,318,683 (5 bidders) levee constr. and stone protection, left bank Sacramento River, Tisdale Weir to Sutter Bypass, Sutter Co., CALIFORNIA. U. S. Eng., 1209 8th St., Sacramento, Calif. Bids July 25. CD 7/8.

### BUILDINGS—LB & CA

▲ **Howard Constr. Co.**, P. O. Box 416, Murray 7, Utah, CA $1,085,000, general contract Northwest JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH. Salt Lake City Bd. Educ., 440 East First South St., Salt Lake City, Utah. Bids Apr. 23, awarded Apr. 24. CD 5/3, under LB.

▲† **C. H. Levell**, 1900 Wyoming Ave., El Paso, Tex., CA $3,217,000, constr. TECHNICAL BLDG., Army Electronic Proving Ground, ENG-04-353-57-89, FORT HUACHUCA, ARIZ. U. S. Eng., 751 S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles, Calif. Bids May 21. CD 5/24, under LB.

▲ **MacDonald Eng. Co.**, 885 Bryant St., San Francisco 3, Calif., CA $1,338,000, SILO, PACKING HOUSE, DOCK, railroad sidings, equipment, WEST SACRAMENTO, CALIF. Ideal Cement Co., c/o General Engr., Denver National Bank Bldg., Denver 2, Colo. CD 2/13.

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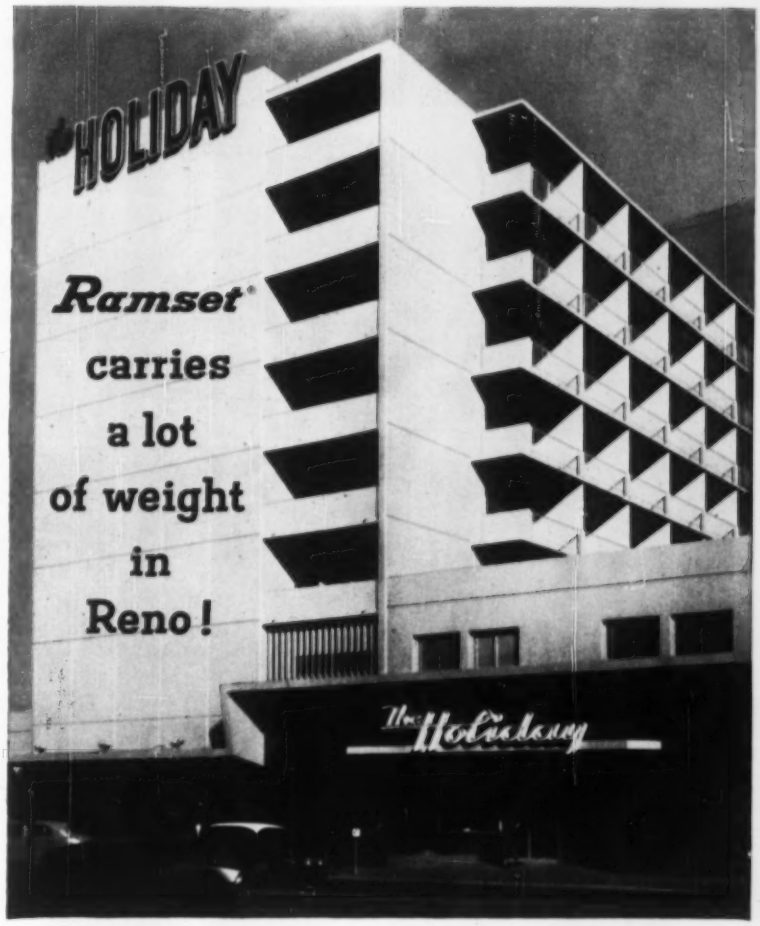

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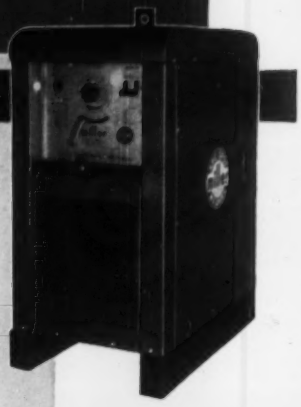

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## CANADA

### BUILDINGS—SLC

▲ **Ont. Toronto**—REFINERY SUPERSTRUCTURE—BA 8/7—Canada & Dominion Sugar Co. Ltd., 91 Tecumseh St., Chatham, soon lets contract, superstructure for sugar refinery expansion on 10-acre site at foot of Jarvis St. $6,000,000. Gordon S. Adamson & Assocs., 52 St. Clair Ave. E., Toronto, archts. H. G. Acres & Co. Ltd., 1259 Dorchester Rd., London, Engrs. CD 4/16.

### HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—LB & CA

**MANITOBA**—Manitoba Govt., Legislative Bldg., Winnipeg, **Commonwealth Constr. Co., Ltd.**, 300 Royal Bank Bldg., Winnipeg, Man., LB **$988,595** (2 bidders) surf., stab. course 17.1 mi. Trans-Canada Hy. in municipality of North Norfolk.

### BUILDINGS—LB & CA

▲ **Grosvenor-Laing (BC) Ltd.**, 640 W. Hastings St., Vancouver, B. C., CA **$8,500,000**, COPPER MILL to produce seamless copper, brass and bronze tubing and pipe for condenser and heat exchangers, refrigeration, automotive, water supply, Annicis Industrial Estate, VANCOUVER, B. C. Western Copper Mills Ltd., 1955 W. Broadway, Vancouver, B. C. B. D. Bohna & Co., Ltd., 1070 Hornby St., Vancouver, B. C., engrs. CD 1/13/56.

▲ J. L. Guay & Frere Ltee., 6900 Cote des Neiges Rd., Montreal, Que., CA **$2,500,000**. 4 story, 38x178 ft., main building, 40x147 ft. chapel and two 38x200 ft. wings, rein-con., brick Old People's HOME, LeFoyer Rousselot, Sherbrooke St. E., MONTREAL, QUE. Rev. Grey Nuns, Mother House, 1190 Guy St., Montreal, Que. Awarded July 22. CD 7/16, under LB.

# PROPOSED PROJECTS

## WATER SUPPLY

▲ **Calif., Goleta**—Goleta County Water Dist., Goleta, Goleta West extension to El Capitan water sys. to serve 6,000 acres to be known as Imprvt. Dist. No. 2, 8 mi. main pipe line and 7 mi. branch lateral. $2,000,000. James M. Montgomery, 535 E. Walnut St., Pasadena, consult. engr.

▲ **Calif., San Luis Obispo**—State Div. Architecture, 1120 N. St., Sacramento, constr. reservoir and water distr. sys. for San Luis Obispo Campus, California Men's Colony near San Luis Obispo and other public agencies, Dpt. State Polytechnic College for Dpt. Educ. $3,600,000.

▲ **Tex., Mesquite**—City, City Hall, WW $1,500,000. CD 2/6.

## SEWERS, WASTE DISPOSAL

▲ **Conn., Essex**—Town, Town Hall, sewerage sys. $3,000,000. Bowe, Albertson & Assocs., 75 West St., New York, N. Y., consult. engrs.

▲ **Conn., Old Greenwich**—Town of Greenwich, Town Hall, Greenwich, sewage treatment plant, $1,000,000, Metcalf & Eddy, 1300 Statler Bldg., Boston, Mass., consult. engrs. CD 12/18.

▲ **O., Cleveland Heights**—City, City Hall, 2953 Mayfield Rd., Cleveland, Zone 18, bond election Nov. 5, sewer imprvs. $2,500,000. Harry C. Gallimore, 3482 Lee Rd., Cleveland, Zone 20, consult. engr. CD 11/9.

▲ **Tex., Mesquite**—City, City Hall, sanitary sewers. $1,000,000. CD 2/6.

## BRIDGES

▲ **New York and New Jersey**—Port of New York Authority, 111 Eighth Ave., New York 11, N. Y., 6-lane lower deck George Washington Bridge over Hudson River, $167,000,000. To go ahead in 1958. Test borings in fall. CD 1/20/55.

▲ **O., Hamilton**—City, City Hall, bond election Nov. 5, underpass at South Hamilton crossing. $2,500,000. CD 11/1/43.

▲ **Tex., Orange**—Orange Co., c/o Courthouse, bridge constr. on County Main Rd. $1,000,000.

## STREETS AND ROADS

▲ **Calif., Stockton**—City, City Hall, grade separation at El Dorado and Center Sts., $2,321,600. To go ahead in 1961.

▲ **Mich.**, Van Dyke-Warren Twp., Arthur Miller, superv., 22720 Van Dyke Ave., 73 mi. paving and wid'n main roads, in Warren, $9,715,000.

▲ **O., Hamilton**—City, City Hall, bond election Nov. 5, street imprvs. in all sections of city. $1,000,000. CD 11/12.

▲ **O., Kettering**—City, City Hall, 2,090,000 bond election Nov. 5, streets. CD 5/27.

▲ **Tex., Mesquite**—City, City Hall, street imprvs., paving. $1,250,000. CD 2/6.

▲ **Tex., Orange**—Orange Co., c/o Courthouse, road constr. $3,750,000.

## EARTHWORK, WATERWAYS

▲ Calif., Lakeport—Lake Co., c/o Bd. Supervs., Courthouse, proposed Middletown Proj. (water conservation proj.) 110 ft. high dam and reservoir for storing 5,000 acre ft. of water, near here. $1,000,000.

▲ **Colo., Denver**—Denver Water Bd. Comrs., City & County Bldg., hydro-electric power plant on S. Boulder

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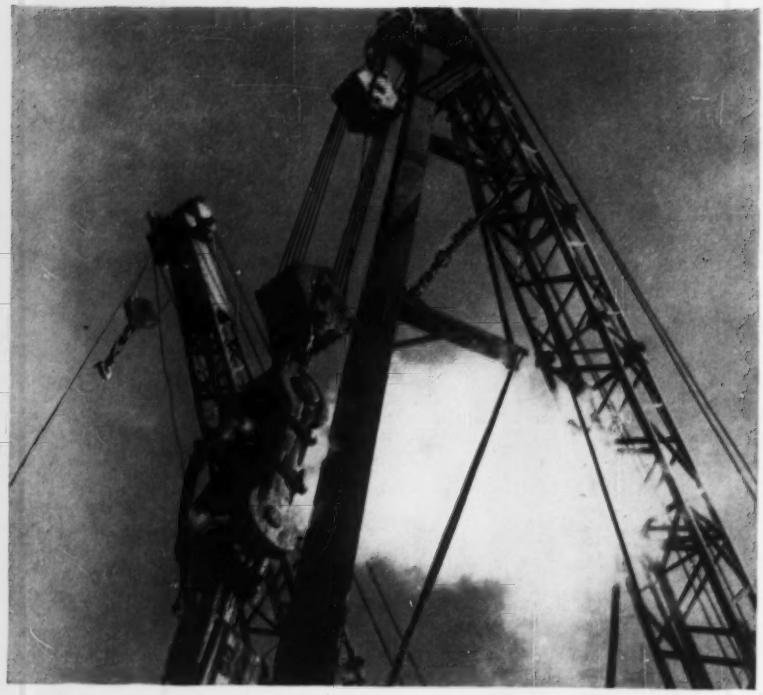

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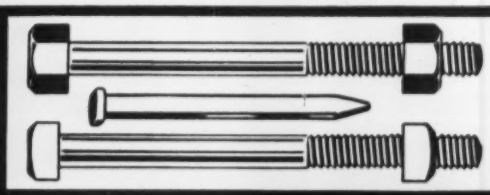

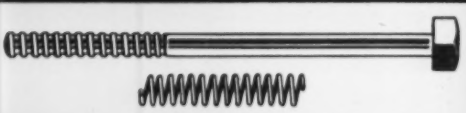

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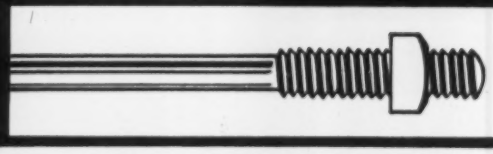

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▲ **Ill., Belleville**—City, Jerome Munie, mayor, City Hall, flood control sys. to protect city against overflowing of Richland Creek and its tributaries, etc. $3,500,000.

## AIRPORTS

▲† **Colo., Colorado Springs**—HOUSING—Dpt. Air Force, Air Force Academy, Constr. Agency, P. O. Box 1670, plans by Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, archts.-engrs., 3333 N. El Paso St., 1,256 family housing units at Air Force Academy. $20,000,000. CD 3/1.

▲ **Mo., St. Louis**—TERMINAL BUILDING—City, Frank J. McDevitt, pres. Bd. P. Service, 304 City Hall, 12th and Market Sts., Zone 3, fourth domed-unit for Terminal Bldg., at Lambert-St. Louis Municipal Airport on Natural Bridge Rd., St. Louis Co. $1,900,000. Landrum & Brown, 111 E. 4 St., Cincinnati, O., airport consults. (for studies) CD 6/29/44.

▲† **Tex., Corpus Christi**—HOUSING—U. S. Govt., c/o Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Port Isabel, Title VIII, 86 Capehart Housing units, for civilian and naval personnel at Corpus Christi Naval Auxiliary Base and Radar Station. $1,000,000. CD 8/21.

## FOREIGN

▲ **Saudi Arabia**—Govt. of Saudi Arabia, Riyadh, plans 465 mi. 32 in. water pipe line from Sua-al-Shuyukh east of Barah on Euphrates River to Riyadh, with purification plant near Iraq border and several pumping stations. $30,000,000. Government is seeking international consulting firm to make surveys.

▲ **Thailand**—Royal Irrigation Dpt. Govt. of Thailand, Bangkok, plans 154 meter high, 467 meters long concrete arch dam north of Bangkok. Bids will be asked when negotiations with World Bank are completed. U. S. Bureau Reclamation, Dpt. Interior, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colo., U. S. A., consult. engrs.

## AMERICANS ABROAD

▲ **Formosa**—Nationalist Govt. of China, Taipeh, plans Shihmen reservoir with 125 meter high dam with canal intake, west of Taipeh on Takenkan Creek for flood control power and water supply. $50,000,000. Tippetts-Abbett-McCarthy-Stratton, 62 W. 47 St., New York, N. Y., U. S. A., consult. engrs.

## PUBLIC BUILDINGS

▲ **Arizona**—HOUSING—Bureau Reclamation, Dpt. Interior, Kanab, Utah, 200 houses at Glen Canyon Damsite, Page, Ariz. Colorado Storage Proj. $2,000,000.

▲ **Ariz., Phoenix**—COURT HOUSE, etc.—General Service Admin., 18th and F Sts., Wash. 25, D. C., courthouse and federal office bldg., N. 1st Ave., W. Monroe, N. 2 and W. Van Buren Sts. $8,000,000.

▲ **Calif., Arcata**—ADMINISTRATION, etc.—State Div. Architecture, 1120 N. St., Sacramento, administration and business education bldg. $884,800; field house and natatorium $530,500, Humboldt State College.

▲ **Calif., Atascadero**—WARD BLDGS.—State Div. Architecture, 1120 N St., Sacramento, ward bldgs., Atascadero State Hospital, Dpt. Mental Hygiene. $1,949,800.

▲ **Calif., Chico**—LIBRARY—State Div. Architecture, 1120 N. St., Sacramento, library, $1,184,800, Chico State College, for Dpt. Educ.

▲ **Calif., Davis**—RESIDENCE HALLS—University of California, Bd. Regents, Administration Bldg., Berkeley constr. Residence Hall, Unit 3, $427,000; Residence Hall, Unit 4, $1,885,000, Davis Campus.

▲ **Calif., Escondido**—SCHOOL—Escondido Union High School Dist., Escondido, bond election Oct. 1, library, gymnasium, music bldg., shop bldgs. and 20 classrooms at Escondido High School. $1,555,000. CD 6/26/56.

▲ **Calif., Fresno**—SPEECH-DRAMA—State Div. Architecture, 1120 N. St., Sacramento, speech-drama bldg. $2,066,250; physical education facilities $107,700; boiler addn. $81,250, Fresno State College.

▲ **Calif., La Jolla**—LABORATORY—University of California, Administration Bldg., Berkeley, Laboratory bldg., La Jolla Campus, $1,426,000.

▲ **Calif., Long Beach**—COLLEGE—State Div. Architecture, 1120 N. St., Sacramento, home economics bldg., $417,900 classroom bldgs. $2,525,000; outdoor physical educ. facilities $428,500; site development $184,150; residence halls, $749,160, Long Beach State College, Dpt. Educ.

▲ **Calif., Los Angeles**—PHYSICAL EDUCATION—State Div. Architecture, 1120 N. St., Sacramento, constr. physical education bldg., $2,290,300; outdoor physical educaton facilities, $749,800; site development, $452,300. at Los Angeles State College of Applied Arts and Sciences, San Bernardino Freeway Campus, for Dpt. of Education.

▲ **Calif., Los Angeles**—SCIENCE, etc.—State Div. Architecture, 1120 N. St., Sacramento; constr. science bldg., $4,653,600; fine arts bldg., $2,467,000; residence hall, $790,000. Los Angeles State College of Applied Arts and Sciences, San Fernando Valley Campus, for Dpt. Education.

▲ **Calif., Los Angeles**—PHYSICS BLDG., etc.—University of California, Administration Bldg., Berkeley, alter physics bldg., $518,500; constr. Franz Hall addn., $1,332,900; addn. to geology bldg. $945,617; service yard addns. $541,000; residence hall, Unit 2, $2,328,300.

▲ **Calif., Napa**—JUVENILE UNIT, etc.—State Div. Architecture, 1120 N. St., Sacramento, juvenile unit $2,553,000; industrial and maintenance shops, $173,700; water supply imprvs. $74,700, Napa State Hospital, for Dpt. Mental Hygiene.

▲ **Calif., San Bernardino**—OFFICE—State Div. Architecture, 1120 N. St., Sacramento, state office bldg., for Dpt. Finance. $1,334,200.

▲ **Calif., San Diego**—SCIENCE, etc.—State Div. Architecture, 1120 N. St., Sacramento, science bldg. $3,189,100, addnl. boiler and mechanical work $171,100; physical science bldg. addn. $1,649,900, residence halls, $2,300,350, and $1,580,000, San Diego State College for Dpt. Education.

▲ **Calif., San Dimas**—LIBRARY, etc.—State Div. Architecture, 1120 N. St., Sacramento, library bldg. $1,446,550, addnl. agriculture units $457,700, site development $293,500, business classroom bldg. $693,000, corporation yard $287,900, residence halls, $2,297,500 and $790,000. California State Polytechnic College, Kellogg-Voorhis Campus, near here, for Dpt. Education.

▲ **Calif., San Francisco**—COLLEGE—State Div. Architecture, 1120 N. St., Sacramento, constr. fine arts bldg. addn., $582,000; science bldg. addn. $1,901,600. San Francisco State College, for Dpt. Education.

▲ **Calif., San Francisco**—PARKING STRUCTURE—University of California, 2130 Fulton St., Parking structure, $1,405,000.

▲ **Calif., San Jose**—HOSPITAL—Bd. Supervs. Santa Clara Co., Civic Center, 1st and Rosa Sts., plans by Stone, Mulloy, Maraccini & Patterson, 619 California St., San Francisco, third stage, Santa Clara County Hospital. $1,985,000.

▲ **Calif., San Jose**—COLLEGE—State Div. Architecture, 1120 N. St., Sacramento, art bldg. $1,816,000; industrial arts bldg. $2,595,300; health bldg. $1,176,300; faculty office bldg. $409,300; student activities bldg. $650,900. CD 4/26/43; residence halls $4,740,000, San Jose State College, for Dpt. Educ. CD 11/22/55.

▲ **Calif., San Luis Obispo**—PHYSICAL EDUCATION, etc. State Div. Architecture, 1120 N. St., Sacramento, men's physical education bldg. $1,712,500, home economics bldg. $1,137,400, agriculture classroom bldg. $1,567,800, residence halls $3,159,200 and $1,580,000, State Polytechnic College, San Luis Obispo Campus, for Dpt. Educ.

▲ **Calif., San Luis Obispo**—SECURITY FACILITY—State Div. Architecture, 1120 N. St., Sacramento, California, medium security facility, Men's Colony for Dpt. Correction. $10,761,000 (partial cost).

▲ **Calif., Santa Barbara**—RESIDENCE HALL—University of California, Administration Bldg., Berkeley, Residence Hall Unit 2, $1,600,000; Residence Hall, Unit 3, $1,980,000, Santa Barbara Campus.

▲ **Calif., Santa Clara**—HIGH SCHOOL—Santa Clara Union High School Dist., c/o Supt., Santa Clara, plans by L. F. Richards, 1033 Jackson St., partly wood frame, partly steel frame, Emil Buchser High School (incl. gym). $1,500,000.

▲ **Calif., Tracy**—VOCATIONAL INSTITUTION—State Div. Architecture, 1120 N. St., Sacramento, constr. reception guidance center, Deuel Vocational Institution, for Dpt. Correction. $2,527,700.

▲ **Conn., New Britain**—HOME FOR AGED—State P. Wks. Dpt., 165 Capitol Ave., Hartford, plans by Henry E. Ludorf, 95 Elm St., Hartford, addn. at New Britain Memorial Hospital to be used as Home For Aged. $1,750,000. Original plan of separate home to cost $2,395,000, abandoned. Hubbard, Lawless & Blakeley, 110 Whitney Ave., New Haven, consult. engrs. CD 3/30/56.

▲ **Iowa, Council Bluffs**—SCHOOL—Bd. Educ., Council Bluffs Junior High School in northeast section of city, $1,443,000. CD 2/20/56.

▲ **Mass., Boxford**—SCHOOL—Masconomet Regional School Dist. Comm., Towns of Toosfield, Middleton and Boxford, plans by Rich & Tucker Assocs., 45 Newbury St., Boston, Regional Jr.-Sr. High School, Endicott St. $2,500,000. Site changed. CD 5/1, under Mass., Topsfield.

▲ **Mass., Springfield**—SCHOOL—City, Dpt. P. Bldgs., City Hall, plans by Morris W. Malony, 220 Dwight St., Springfield, Junior High School. $2,400,000. Constr. 1958.

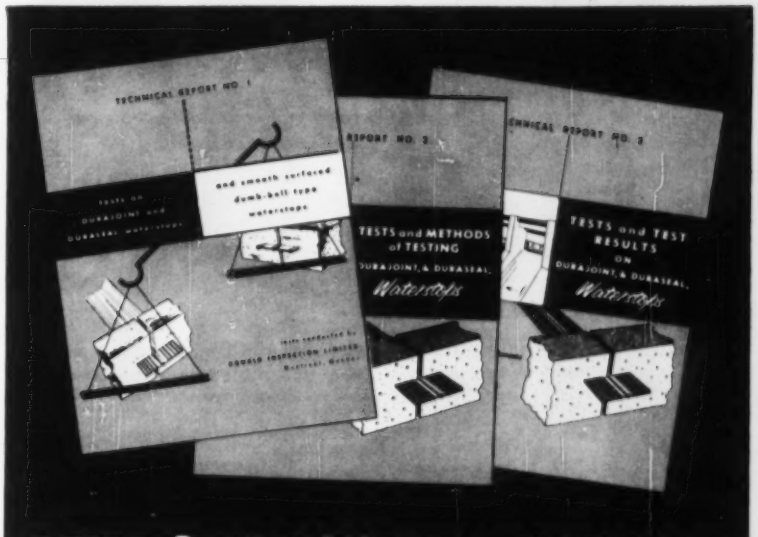
▲ **Mich., Ann Arbor**—DORMITORIES—University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, four 6 story women's dormitories, with 3 story central section. $5,500,000.

▲ **Mich., Berkley**—SCHOOL—City, Bd. Educ., 2325 Catalpa St., Berkley, plans by Earl G. Meyer, 806 Farwell Bldg., Detroit, Zone 26, high school, Greenfield St., between Catalpa and 11 Mile Rd., $2,500,000. CD 10/26/54.

▲ **Mich., Dearborn**—LABORATORY, etc.—Regents of University of Michigan, Harold M. Dorr, dean of Statewide Education, Ann Arbor, 1 and 2 story engineering laboratory, $1,598,000; 1 story class room and basic science bldg., $1,142,000; faculty office bldg., $534,000; activities library bldg., $650,000; roads and utilities, $1,500,000. CD 2/1.

▲ **Mich., Madison Heights**—SCHOOL—City, F. Foster Williams, supt. Schools, plans by George D. Mason & Co., 409 Griswold St., Detroit, high school, 11 Mile Rd., between Lorenz and Couzens Sts. $1,500,000.

▲ **Minn., Bemidji**—PHYSICAL EDUCATION, etc.—State Dpt. Admin., 19 State Capitol, St. Paul, plans by Jyring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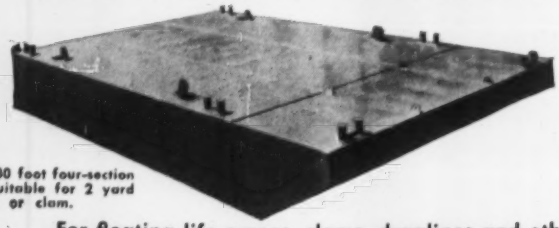

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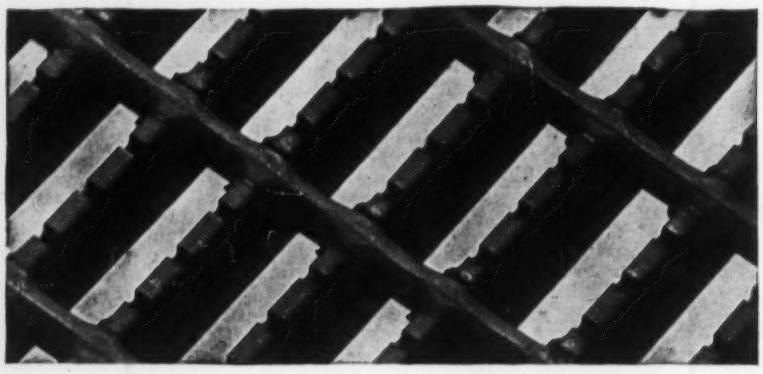

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▲ **Minn., Mankato**—DORMITORIES—State College Bd., 41 Sherburne Ave., St. Paul, plans by Schmidt-Peterson-Stevenson, Mankato, two dormitories at Mankato State College. $2,000,000. Funds appropriated. CD 1/25/56.

▲ **Minn., Mankato**—LABORATORY, etc.—State Dpt. Admin., 19 State Capitol, St. Paul, plans by Graffunder-Nagle & Assocs., 688 Sexton Bldg., Minneapolis, laboratory bldg. $1,200,000; plans by Bergstedt & Hirsch, 2706 West 7th Blvd., St. Paul, science and arts bldgs. expansion, $1,200,000; plans by Fasth, Hillstrom & Horty, 910 Midland Bank Bldg., Minneapolis, physical educ. bldg., $455,000, at Mankato State College. CD 7/3.

▲ **Minn., St. Cloud**—SCIENCE, etc.—State Dpt. Admin., 19 State Capitol, St. Paul, plans by Traynor & Hermans, St. Cloud, science and mathematics bldg., at St. Cloud State College, $1,150,000. CD 7/3.

▲ **Mo., Warrensburg**—DORMITORIES—Central Missouri State College, Bd. Regents, Warrensburg, plans by Everitt & Keleti, 4550 Main St., Kansas City, Mo., 4 story, 45 x 207 ft. rein. con. Men's and Women's Dormitories. $1,000,000. Bids late in August. CD 6/5.

▲ **N. Y., Astoria**—SCHOOL—Bureau Constr., Bd. Educ., 45-12 Crescent St., Long Island City, plans by Seelig & Finkelstein, 153 Pierrepont St., Brooklyn, Zone 2, Proj. E-112, Junior High School 141 addn., modernization, $1,725,000. CD 10/22/48.

▲ **N. Y., Brooklyn**—SCHOOL—Bureau Constr., Bd. Educ., 45-12 Crescent St., Long Island City, plans by Raymond Irrera & Assoc., 42-15 Crescent St., Long Island City, Proj. E-109, P.S. 256, vicinity of Tompkins Park, $2,900,000. CD 5/20.

▲ **N. Y., Brooklyn**—SCHOOL, etc.—Bureau Constr., Bd. Educ., 45-12 Crescent St., Long Island City, plans by Horace Ginsbern & Assoc., 205 E. 42 St., New York, Zone 17, Proj. E-146, P.S. 213 addn. and modernization, $1,470,000. CD 5/23.

▲ **N. Y., Brooklyn**—SCHOOL—Bureau Constr. Bd. Educ., 42-12 Crescent St., Long Island City, plans by Katz, Waisman, Blumenkrantz, Stein & Weber, 551 Fifth Ave., New York, Zone 17, Proj. E-384, P.S. 46, vicinity of Park and Vanderbilt Aves. $2,500,000. CD 5/20.

▲ **N. Y., Flushing**—COLLEGE—Bd. Higher Educ., 695 Park Ave., New York, Zone 21, plans by De Young, Moscowitz & Rosenberg, 205 E. 42 St., New York, Zone 17, Proj. HN-56 Academic Bldg. No. 1, $4,000,000; plans by Ketchum, Gina & Sharp, 227 E. 44 St., New York, Zone 17, Proj. HN-96, cafeteria bldg., $850,000, both at Queens College.

▲ **N. Y., New York**—SCHOOL—Bureau Constr., Bd. Educ., 42-15 Crescent St., Long Island City, plans by York & Sawyer, 101 Park Ave., Zone 17, Proj. E-907, Junior High School 136, vicinity of Prospect Ave. and Jennings St. $3,600,000. CD 5/16.

▲ **N. Y., New York**—SCHOOL—Bureau Constr., Bd. Educ., 45-12 Crescent St., Long Island City, plans by Maurice Courland & Sons, 2 W. 89 St., Zone 24, Proj. E-402, P.S. 28, vicinity of St. Nicholas Ave. and W. 156 St. $2,600,000. CD 5/30.

▲ **N. Y., New York**—SCHOOL—Bureau Constr., Bd. Educ., 45-12 Crescent St., Long Island City, plans by William F. R. Ballard, 123 E. 77 St., Zone 21, P.S. 32 vicinity of Washington Ave. and East 168 St., Proj. E-774. $2,450,000.

▲ **N. Y., New York**—HOSPITAL—Dpt. P. Wks., Municipal Bldg., New York, Zone 7, plans by Charles B. Meyers Assocs., 31 Union Sq., Zone 3, Proj. HO-59A, Metropolitan Hospital Nurses Residence and Training School, 99 St. and FDR Drive, $3,000,000. CD 6/10.

▲ **N. Y., New York**—SANITATION CENTER, etc.—Dpt. P. Wks., Municipal Bldg., Zone 7, Proj. S-144, site preparation for Harlem Sanitation Center, incl. incinerator and garage for Dists. 9, 10 and 12, on Hudson River between W. 132 St. and W. 134 St. $2,275,000. Feld & Timoney, 60 E. 23 St., Zone 10, engrs. CD 1/11.

▲ **O., Akron**—OFFICE, etc.—Comrs. Summit Co., Court House, plans by Trefon Sagadencky, 429 Chestnut St., combined office bldg. and jail, $1,750,000; work farm bldg. at county home, $200,000; remodeling courthouse $1,000,000. Revised estimated. CD 7/24.

▲ **O., Avon Lake**—SCHOOLS—Avon Lake Bd. Educ., Avon Lake, bond election Nov. 5, Junior or Senior High School $1,600,000; existing schools repairs and addns., $400,000.

▲ **O., Cleveland** — COURT HOUSE — Comrs., Cuyahoga Co., Court House, Zone 13, bond election Nov. 5, county court house, criminal courts bldg. and juvenile court remodeling and expansion, $4,000,000. CD 5/21/56.

▲ **O., Cleveland**—BOARD OF ELECTIONS—Comrs. Cuyahoga Co., Court House, Zone 13, bond election Nov. 5, building to house County Board of Elections. $1,250,000.

▲ **O., Dayton** — JUVENILE CENTER — Comrs. Montgomery Co. Court House, $1-mill 2-year tax levy to be voted on Nov. 5, new juvenile center, juvenile and domestic relations courts, $1,500,000. CD 11/14/55.

▲ **O., Fremont**—HOME FOR AGED—Comrs. Sandusky Co., Court House, bond election Nov. 5, county home for aged, $1,160,000. Olson & Powers, Fremont, archts. CD 11/12.

▲ **O., Kettering**—SCHOOLS—Bd. Educ., Kettering, bond election Nov. 5, schools. $2,500,000. CD 1/22.

▲ **O., Ravenna**—COURT HOUSE, etc.—Comrs. Portage Co. Court House, $1,500,000 bond election Nov. 5, court house, office bldg. and jail facilities. CD 11/11/55.

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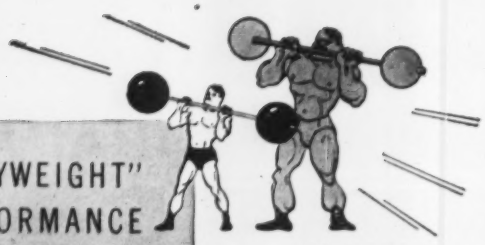

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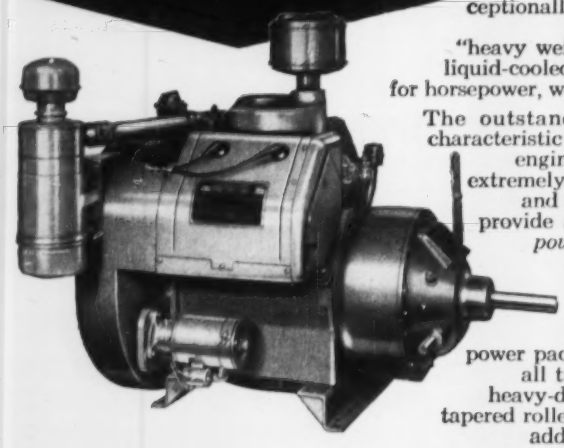

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▲ **O., South Euclid**—SCHOOLS—South Euclid-Lyndhurst Bd. Educ., 4777 Farnhurst Rd., bond election Nov 5, Junior High School. $2,500,000. CD 11/8/54.

▲ **O., Tiffin**—SCHOOLS—Bd. Educ., Tiffin, $1,975,000 bond election Nov. 5, high school, remodeling Columbia High School into Junior High School, remodeling present Junior High School.

▲ **O., Toledo**—STUDENT UNION—University of Toledo, W. Bancroft St., Toledo, plans by Bellman, Gillett & Richards, 1600 Madison Ave., 2 story, 100x200 ft., stone student union bldg. $1,000,000.

▲ **S. D., Watertown**—SCHOOL—Bd. Educ., Watertown, defeated $1,850,000 bonds June 18. Senior High School.

▲ **Tex., Brownsville**—MOTEL—Cameron Co., c/o Comrs. Court, c/o Cameron Park Bd., Brownsville, plans by Marshall D. Barnett, 7242 Lakewood St., Dallas, 120 units holiday Inn Resort Motel, incl. swimming pool, 500 auto parking center on Padre Island, $1,100,000. CD 7/10.

▲ **Tex., Lubbock**—DORMITORIES—Texas Technological College, Lubbock, 268 student capacity dormitory $1,250,000; 250 student dormitory $915,000; 200 student dormitory $750,000.

▲ **Wash., Tacoma**—SCHOOL—School Dist. No. 1, S. 8 and Tacoma Sts., plans by R. B. Price, 2907 A St., high school in South Tacoma, near S. 66 St. and S. Tacoma Way. $1,000,000. Work may start next year.

## COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

▲ **Ark., Little Rock**—SHOPPING CENTER—Fausett Enterprises, E. L. Fausett, pres., plans by Richard W. Groh, 807 West 3rd St., 40 shops and stores, incl. 3 story medical center, 2,430,000 sq. ft. floor space, Park Plaza Shopping Center, on 20 acre tract, $4,318,000. CD 2/2/55.

▲ **Calif., Shasta Springs**—HOTEL—Royal Hotels, Inc., c/o Louis Belotti & Stewart Mackenzie, developers, c/o Dunsmuir Hotel, Dunsmuir, block, cement, stucco, Shasta Royal Inn Hotel, incl. swimming pool. $2,000,000.

▲ **Ind., Syracuse**—HOTEL—Harold Van Orman, Sr. & Assocs., Van Orman Hotel, Fort Wayne, 2 story resort hotel, air-conditioned with swimming pool at Lake Wawasee, on south side of Lake, on former Waco site, near here. $1,000,000. Constr. this fall.

▲ **Iowa, Bettendorf**—SHOPPING CENTER—Martin Bucksbarm, 3700 1st Ave. S. E., Cedar Rapids, shopping center. $6,000,000.

▲ **Iowa, Des Moies**—MAGAZINE—Cowles Magazines, Inc., 3815 Cottage Grove, Look Magazine Bldg. $1,000,000.

▲ **Iowa, Waterloo**—SCHOOL—Catholic Parishes of Waterloo, construct Columbus High School. $1,000,000.

▲ **Mass., North Dartmouth**—SCHOOL—Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Fall River, Most Rev. James L. Connolly, Bishop, 362 Highland Ave., Fall River, plans by Chester F. Wright, 681 Main St., Waltham, Regional Catholic High School, Slocum Rd. $2,000,000. CD 2/25.

▲ **Minn., Wabasha**—HOSPITAL—St. Elizabeth Hospital, plans by M. F. Pfaller & Assocs., 7613 W. State St., Wauwatosa, Wis., hospital addn., remodel. $2,000,000.

▲ **Mo., Jefferson City**—OFFICE, etc.—J. Harvey Hyams, c/o 7818 Forayth Blvd., Clayton, plans by Paul Klingensmith & Assocs., 4232 West Pine Blvd., St. Louis, Zone 8, 12 story office bldg., and garage on Madison Ave., adjacent to East Capitol Ave., incl. 44,212 sq. ft. office space and parking facilities for 225 cars, etc. $1,500,000.

▲ **O., Canton**—HOMES—Joseph A. Sigler, Fulton Rd. Shopping Center, Canton, 86 ranch-type brick homes, 28-acre site near St. Michael's Blvd. and Wise Rd. $1,750,000.

▲ **O., Munroe Falls**—HOMES—Charles Neale, Tallmadge, 140 homes on 80-acre site on S. Main St. south of S. River Rd., streets, sewers and utilities. $2,000,000. Constr. this fall.

▲ **O., Munroe Falls**—HOMES—John Renner, Munroe Falls Park, Munroe Falls, 300 homes in area around the park. $2,000,000. Work to start in 1958.

▲ **O., Parma**—HOSPITAL—Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, 1027 Superior Ave., Cleveland, Zone 14, Cancer Hospital. $1,200,000. George S. Rider, Terminal Tower, Cleveland, Zone 13, consult. engr. Bids about middle of October. CD 3/31/50.

▲ **O., Toledo**—SHOPPING CENTER—Don M. Casto & Assocs., 42 S. Fourth St., Columbus, shopping center, 40-acre site, Bryne Rd. and Glendale Ave. $2,000,000.

▲ **Pa., Elkins Park**—RELIGIOUS, etc.—Adath Jeshurum, Ansley and Old York Rds., Melrose Park, plans by Demchick & Supowitz, 246 S. 15 St., Phila., religious and educational center, $2,000,000. Dorfman & Bloom, 1411 Walnut St., Phila., engrs.

▲ **Tex., Arlington**—BOWLING ALLEY—Great Southwest Bowling Lanes, c/o B. J. Thompson, pres., 401 Wynnewood Village, Dallas, constr. 32 lane bowling alley, Fort Worth-Dallas Turnpike and Hy. 360. $1,000,000.

▲ **Tex., Dallas**—HOME FURNISHING MART—Trammell Crow, 425 S. Field St., constr. 2nd unit of Homefurnishings Mart, 2000 Stemmons Expressway, near Love Field. $2,250,000. Bids in summer.

▲ **Tex., Houston**—HOSPITAL—Texas Institute for rehabilitation & Research, c/o Texas Medical Center,

Lamar Fleming, Jr., 1133 M. D. Anderson Blvd., hospital, located in and affiliated with Texas Medical Center, $1,350,000.

▲ **Wash., Renton**—SHOPPING CENTER—A. B. Allper & Assocs., 1731 31 Ave. S., Seattle, enlarge and recondition Highlands Shopping Center. $1,000,000. Work may start this year.

▲ **Wis., Wauwatosa**—SCHOOL—Wis. Lutheran High School Conference, 1859 N. 13 St., Milwaukee, plans by Grellinger & Rose, 757 N. Broadway, Milwaukee, Zone 2, Lutheran High School. $2,000,000.

## INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS

▲ **Calif., Concord**—FACTORY—Standard Register Co., 626 Albany St., Dayton, O., 1 story, ultra-modern, factory to make business forms, on 18-acre site. $1,000,000.

▲ **Conn., Norwalk**—PLANT—Connecticut Light & Power Co., Selden St., Berlin, generating plant, incl. 150,000 kw turbo generator, Manresa Island. $25,000,000. CD 7/5/55.

▲ **Mich., Detroit**—PARKING FACILITY—Great Lake Greyhound Lines, 2301 West Lafayett St., Detroit, 600 car capacity, parking facility, Bates, Randolph, Larned and Congress Sts. $1,500,000.

▲ **Neb., Big Springs**—PLANT—Kansas-Nebraska Gas Co., Inc., Phillipsburg, Kan., natural gas plant in Big Springs field, $1,000,000. CD 4/21/54, under Unclassified.

▲ **O., Louisville**—PLANT—Stainless Steel Div. Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp., 1610 Fisher Bldg., Detroit, Mich., plant, 140-acre site, incl. 4 buildings addns. and renovations. $16,000,000.

▲ **Tex., Longview**—PLANT—Sonoco Products Co., East Nelson St., new plant, Greggton, near here, $1,000,000. CD 3/16/55.

▲ **Wyo., Casper**—PLANT—Davison Chemical Div., W. R. Grace Co., Davison Chemical Bldg., Baltimore 3, Md., sulphuric acid plant. $2,000,000. To go ahead in August.

## UNCLASSIFIED

▲ **California-Oregon-Washington-British Columbia and Alberta**—GAS PIPE LINE—Pacific Gas & Electric Co., 245 Market St., San Francisco, Calif., 1,300 mi. gas pipe line from California, U. S. A. to Alberta, Canada. $330,000,000. Bechtel Corp., 220 Bush St., San Francisco, Calif., consult. engrs.

▲ **Calif., San Francisco**—PORT FACILITIES—State Bd. Harbor Comrs., c/o Secy., Ferry Bldg., $50,000,000 bond election Nov. 5, port facilities. CD 1/28.

▲ **Conn., Hartford**—PARKS, etc.—City, City Hall, restoration by reconstr. Corning Fountain, Bushnell Park, $160,000; repairing Memorial arch and development of pond, Bushnell Park, $120,000. CD 11/30/50. renewal of valves on outflow, repairing of dam, replacing storage structure and cottage at Batterson Park, Farmington, $80,000; drainage system, pump house and grading, Colt's Park, $92,000; sports arena and field house, Goodwin Park, $210,000; service bldgs., Goodwin Park, $75,000; hard surf. obsolete roads in Keney Park, $180,000; reconstr. Pope Park swimming pool and neighborhood pools in Barbour St. and Mark Twain Areas, $260,000; draining, grading, surf. Pope Park, $74,000; development of Waverly Field, incl. enlargement of relocation of road, $200,000; constr. 5 mi. walks in existing parks, $110,000; reconditioning existing parks incl. fencing, conditioning soil, turf and planting, $300,000; 5 artificial ice skating rinks, $2,500,000; site development for Gaelic football, athletic track, soccer, football, cricket pitch, 4 baseball diamonds, $80,000.

▲ **New Jersey**—PARKING LOT, etc.—Port of New York Authority, 111 8 Ave., New York 11, N. Y., parking lot for George Washington Bridge, Lemoine and Center Aves., Main St., $400,000; Marginal St., from Lemoine Ave. to Hudson Terrace, approach to George Washington Bridge, $2,000,000.

▲ **N. Y., New York**—PIER ALTERATIONS, etc.—Dpt. Marine & Aviation, Pier A, North River, New York, Zone 4, Proj. D-256, Pier 92 alterations and enlargement, North River at foot of 52 St. $3,000,000. Praeger-Kavanagh-Waterbury, 126 E. 38 St., Zone 16, engrs. CD 5/28.

▲ **North Carolina**—RURAL DISTRIBUTION LINES—Davie Electric Membership Corp., Hocksville, 55 mi. rural distr. lines and 17 mi. 44 kv. transmission 4 new sub-stations and sys. imprvs., Davie Co. $1,035,000. CD 11/15/51.

▲ **Oklahoma**—GAS LINES—Cities Service Gas Co., 1st Natl. Bldg., Oklahoma City, 60 mi. gas pipe lines in Medford and Alfalfa Counties, between Medford and Burlington, areas. $1,288,600.

▲ **Tex., Houston**—GAS LINES—City, Natural Gas Dpt., City Hall, repairing and replacing natural gas lines where leaks are found, in natural gas distr. sys. $1,000,000. Hedrick, Stanley & Lightfoot, 5201 Fannin St., consult. engrs. CD 10/3/52.

▲ **Tex., Kingsville**—GAS SYSTEM—Humble Oil & Refining Co., 1216 Main St., Houston, gas and processing cycling plant, $10,000,000; field gas gathering pipe line system, $250,000; 2 or more gas pipe lines bringing gas from fields gathering system to cycling plant, $300,000, above work 15 mi. southwest of here. Work to start early in 1958.

▲ **Wash., Tacoma**—PARKING—City, City Hall, off-street parking facilities in downtown area. $1,500,000.

▲ **Wyoming**—NATURAL GAS LINE—Northern Utilities Co., Casper, 61 mi. 6- to 16-in. pipe line to link natural gas operations. $2,000,000.

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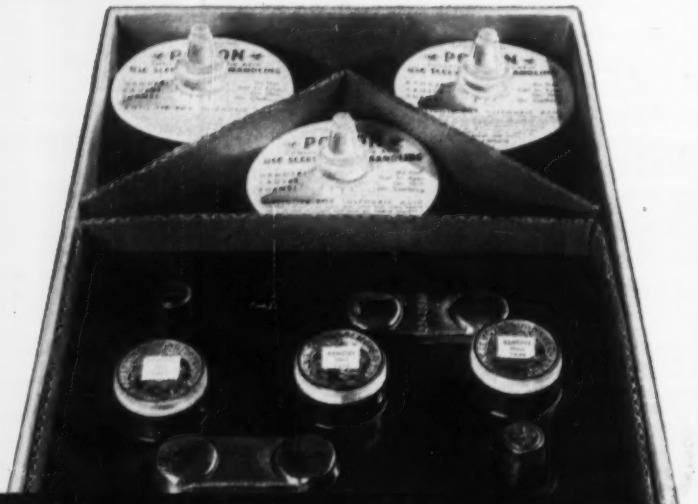

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# Bids—Low Bids—Contracts—Second Section

## NEW ENGLAND

### HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—BA

STATE HIGHWAY LETTINGS
BRIDGES
August 13 Massachusetts August 19 Connecticut
STREETS AND ROADS
August 19 Connecticut August 23 Vermont

### HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—LB & CA

▲ **MASSACHUSETTS**—Commonwealth of Mass., Dpt. P. Wks., 100 Nashua St., Boston, Bids opened 7/30, **Suburban Excavators, Inc.**, 4 New Salem St., Wakefield, Mass., and **Consolidated Builders, Inc.**, Draper Ave., North Attleboro, Mass., LB **$2,614,373**, est. $3,173,-702, (11 bidders), relocation of Rte. No. 28, Andover. CD 7/3.

▲ **Vermilya Brown Co., Inc.**, 100 E. 42nd St., New York, N. Y., CA **$2,669,000** (2 bidders) enlarging, modernizing HOSPITAL, TORRINGTON, CONN. Charlotte Hungerford Hospital, Litchfield St., Torrington, Conn. Bids June 27. CD 8/1, under LB.

### BUILDINGS—LB & CA

▲ **Town, Town Hall**, Bristol, Conn., rejected bids June 28, HIGH SCHOOL addn., BRISTOL, CONN., LB **$3,557,000**. CD 7/9 under LB.

▲ **Vermilya Brown Co.**, 100 E. 42 St., New York, N. Y., LB **$2,669,000**, est. $500,000, enlarging, modernizing HOSPITAL, TORRINGTON, CONN. Charlotte Hungerford Hospital, Litchfield St., Torrington, Conn. Bids June 27. CD 6/17.

## MIDDLE ATLANTIC

### HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—BA

STATE HIGHWAY LETTINGS
BRIDGES
August 29 New York
STREETS AND ROADS
August 14 Delaware August 15 New Jersey
August 29 New York

### BUILDINGS—BA

▲ **N. J., Mahwah**—SCHOOL—BA About 8/10—Bd. Educ., Malcolm Rd., high school, $3,250,000. Target for completion Sept. 1958. Warren H. Ashley, 967 Farmington Ave., W. Hartford, Conn., archt. CD 10/9.

▲ **N. J., Somerville**—SCHOOL—BA 9/12—Bd. Educ., Twp. of Bridgewater, high school. $3,000,000. Alexander Merchant Assocs., 1 Elm Row, New Brunswick, archts. CD 3/5.

### HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—LB & CA

▲ **Baldwin-Lima Hamilton Corp & Newport News Shipping & Drydock Co.**, Phila. National Bank Bldg., Phila., Pa., LB **$20,415,600**, award contingent on Congress permitting construction, Contr. NP-3, Spec. PA-N-24002, furnishing, del. 200,000 hp. hydraulic turbines for Lewiston Power Plant, Niagara Power Proj., NEW YORK. The Power Authority of State of New York, The Coliseum, 10 Columbus Circle, New York 19, N. Y. Bids July 15 (**correction**—Low Bidder). CD 7/17, under LB.

▲ **NEW JERSEY**—State Hy. Dpt., 1035 Parkway Ave., Trenton, Bids opened 7/30, **Union Bldg. & Constr. Corp.**, 631 Main Ave., Passaic, N. J., LB **$4,949,987** (6 bidders), grading, paving and bridges 2.434 mi. Rte. 101, Sect. 2A, from Mount Hope-Rockaway Rd. to U. S. Rte. 46 in Rockaway and Denville Twps. and Rockaway Borough. CD 7/19.

### BUILDINGS—LB & CA

▲ **Turner Constr. Co.**, 1500 Walnut St., Phila. Pa., CA Est. **$5,000,000**. OFFICE BLDG., Western and Willard Aves., BETHESDA, MD. Government Employees Insurance Co., 14th and L St. N.W., Wash., D. C. Vincent G. Kling, 917 Corinthian Ave., Phila. 30, Pa. CD 4/7/55.

## SOUTH

### HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—LB & CA

▲ **GEORGIA**—State Hy. Dpt., No. 2 Capitol Sq., Atlanta, Bids opened 7/26,

Ga.—**Mose Gordon Lumber Co.**, Commerce, Ga., LB **$155,618**, grading, paving 5.195 mi., one bridge (Colbert-Crawford Rd., FAS Rte. 1089) beginning at end of present pavt. approx. 3 mi. north Crawford and extending north to beginning of existing pavt. FA Sec. Proj. S-1089 (2), Oglethorpe Co.; LB **$247,276**, grading, paving 3.256 mi., one bridge (Eatonton-Greensboro Rd., State Rte. 44), beginning at point approx. 1,300 ft. southwest of Oconee River and extending northeasterly partly on relocation to beginning of existing pavt. approx. 7.5 mi. south of Greensboro, FA Sec. Proj. S-0783 (2), Putnam and Greene Counties;

Ga.—**Reeves Constr. Co.**, Box 473, Americus, Ga., LB **$112,552**, grading, paving 5.722 mi., one bridge (Americus-State Rte. 118 Rd., FAS Rte. 647) beginning at Lee Co. line and extending north to beginning present pavt., FA Sec. Proj. S-0647 (2), Sumter Co.;

Ga.—**Scott Constr. Co.**, Thomasville, Ga., LB **$2,344,-008**, grading, paving 13.947 mi. double bridge over A.C.L. Railroad and bridge over Ochloknee River on Thomasville By-Pass on Thomasville-Camilla Rd., U. S. Rte. 19, beginning at point State Rte. 35 approx. 1 mi. south of Thomasville city limits and extending north on relocation east of Thomasville to State Rte. 188 near Ochlocknee, Proj. No. F 006-1 (3) and F 007-2 (5), Thomas Co.;

Ga.—**Shepherd Constr. Co.**, 1800 Briarcliff Rd. N.E., Atlanta, Ga., LB **$602,113**, grading, paving 13.735 mi., one bridge (Metter-Millen Rd.) beginning at State Rte. 26, U. S. Rte. 80, at intersection of paved post road 11 mi. north of Metter and extending north to intersection with State Rte. 67, U. S. Rte. 25, approx. 6 mi. south of Millen, FA Proj. F 097-1 (1), Emanuel and Jenkins Counties;

Ga.—**G. A. Garrett Constr. Co.**, Box 3013, Albany, Ga., LB **$287,251**, grading, paving 9.686 mi., one bridge (Valdosta-Howell Rd., FAS Rte. 568) beginning at State Rte. 94 approx. 400 ft. east of Ulmer Ave. near Valdosta city limits and extending east to beginning of existing pavt., FA Sec. Proj. S-0568 (2), Lowndes and Echols Counties;

Ga.—**R. G. Foster & Co.**, Drawer 8, Wadley, Ga., LB **$87,063**, grading, paving 3.905 mi. (Washington-State Rte. 79 Rd., State Rte. 44) beginning at end of present pavt. near east city limit of Danburg and extending northeast to State Rte. 79, FA Proj. S-0965 (3), Wilkes and Lincoln Counies; LB **$273,722**, grading, paving 3.516 mi. (Nahunta-Jesup Rd., State Rte. 23) beginning approx. 5 mi. north Nahunta and extending north along new alignment parallel to present paved road. FA Proj. F-085-1 (5) Ct. 2, Brantley Co.; LB **$631,627**, wid'n., reconstr. and resurf. 9.521 mi.; widening one bridge; constr. 2 bridges (Waynesboro-Augusta Rd., State Rte. 21) beginning near north city limit Waynesboro and extending north to point approx. 741 ft. north Burke-Richmond Co. line, FA Proj. F-015-1 (1), Burke and Richmond Counties;

Ga.—**C. A. Rutledge Constr. Co.**, Winder, Ga., LB **$150,-625**, grading, paving 6.797 mi. (Ila-Royston Rd., State Rte. 174) beginning at intersection with State Rte. 106 approx. 1 mi. north of Ila and extending northeast to State Rte. 8, FA Sec. Proj. S-1265 (1), Madison Co.;

Ga.—**C. W. Matthews Contr. Co.**, 119 Alexander St., Marietta, Ga., LB **$749,459**, wid'n., reconstr., resurf., 10.863 mi. (Cedartown-Rockmart Rd., State Rte. 6, U. S. Rte. 278) beginning at Martell Street in Cedartown and extending east to beginning of curb and gutter section in Rockmart, FA Proj. F-020-1 (5), Polk Co. CD 7/18.

### BUILDINGS—LB & CA

▲ **M. T. Broy Hill & Sons Corp.**, 4610 Lee Hy., Arlington, Va. Owner Builds. **$5,000,000**, 250 HOMES, Chain Bridge Rd. and Old Dominion Dr., McLEAN, VA.

▲ **Stone & Webster Eng. Co.**, 49 Federal St., Boston, Mass., CA Est. **$20,000,000** design and constr. BREWERY at Old Henderson Air Field, TAMPA, FLA. Joseph Schlitz Brewing Co., 235 W. Galena St., Milwaukee, Wis. CD 2/6.

## MIDDLE WEST

### HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—BA

STATE HIGHWAY LETTINGS
BRIDGES
August 14 Michigan August 20 Wisconsin
STREETS AND ROADS
August 13, 20 Indiana August 14, 21 Michigan
August 20 Ohio, Wisconsin

▲ **Ill., Chicago**—BA 8/19—City, City Hall, N.W. Superhighway, fabricating, erecting structural steel grade separation, carrying C. & N.W. R.R., W. Hubbard and N. Green Sts. over superhighway. $6,000,000. CD 10/25, under Streets and Roads.

### BUILDINGS—BA

▲ **Ill., Franklin Park**—SCHOOL—BA 10/3—School Dist. 12, 320,000 sq. ft. West Leyden High School with swimming pool and fieldhouse, 34 acre site, Grand Ave. and Wolf Rd. $6,000,000. Sobel & Stein, 450 E. Ohio St., Chicago, archts. CD 6/22/56.

### HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—LB & CA

▲ **Sharman, Allen Gay & Taylor**, Bayou Bldg., Houston, Tex., CA Est. **$13,000,000**, 112 mi. gas Transmission line from Brush Control Station near West Richfield in Summit Co. to Sarahsville in Noble Co. where it will join Texas Eastern Transmission line, OHIO. East Ohio Gas Co., 1405 E. 6th St., Cleveland, O. CD 2/13.

▲ **A. Bentley & Sons Co.**, 201 Belmont Ave., Toledo, O., CA **$3,342,855**. Sect. 1, general constr., major equip. and processing piping and Sect. II, electrical work for sewage treatment plant imprvs., TOLEDO, O. City, H. G. Rebensal, comr. Purchases, Safety Bldg., Toledo, O. Bids May 28, awarded July 19. CD 6/4, under LB.

### BUILDINGS—LB & CA

▲ **Kucirek Constr. Co., Inc.**, 2904 Oberlin Ave., Lorian, O., Owner Builds. **$2,500,000**. 127 HOMES, off Oberlin Ave. between 37th and 38th Sts., LORAIN, O.

▲ **Warren Eng. Co.**, Warren, O., CA Est. **$10,000,000**, 540 HOMES, incl. 18 apartment bldgs. on 60 acre site between Austin Village Shopping Center in W. Market St. and Trumbull Shopping Plaza in Parkman Rd., WARREN, O. Walter Graham, pres. Warren Development Corp., Warren, O. CD 1/30.

▲ **La Mar Home Builders**, c/o Owner, Rose Hill Co., agt., 17300 Grand River, Detroit, Mich., CA Est. **$7,800,-000**, 500 brick HOUSES, Twin Lake Village Development, 8 mi. west of Pontiac between Pontiac and Oxbow Lakes, PONTIAC, MICH.

## WEST OF MISSISSIPPI

### HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—BA

STATE HIGHWAY LETTINGS
STREETS AND ROADS
August 13 Colorado August 15 Kansas

### BUILDINGS—BA

▲† **Tex., El Paso**—HOUSING—BA 8/23—U. S. Eng., Box 1538, Albuquerque, N. M., 490 unit Capehart Housing, incl. utilities, ENG-29-055-58-12. $5,000,-000-$10,000,000. Extended date. CD 7/11.

### BUILDINGS—LB & CA

▲† **Williams & Dunlap**, 7722 Eastern St., Dallas, Tex., CA **$6,435,600**, brick veneer, concrete 460 housing UNITS, Webb Air Force Base, ENG-41-369-57-24, BIG SPRING, TEX. Procurement Officer, Webb Air Force Base, Big Spring, Tex. Bids June 2. CD 7/9, under LB.

▲ **Procon, Inc.**, c/o The Gulf Oil Corp., owner, 7 St. Rd., Port Arthur, Tex., CA Est. **$5,500,000**, benzine mfg. PLANT (30,000,000 gal. annual capacity to make benzine from petroleum by-products) PORT ARTHUR, TEX. CD 8/7/56.

▲ **Leonard Constr. Co.**, 37 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill., CA **$2,000,000**, SULPHURIC ACID PLANT, CASPER, WYO. Davison Chemical Div., W. R. Grace Co., Davison Chemical Bldg., Baltimore, Md. CD 7/25.

## FAR WEST

### HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—BA

STATE HIGHWAY LETTINGS
BRIDGES
August 21 California
STREETS AND ROADS
August 21 California

▲† **WASHINGTON**—BA 8/16—Bureau P. Rds., Dpt. Commerce, Morgan Bldg., Portland, Ore., 440 ft. prestressed concrete or welded steel plate girder bridge with .295 ft. approach spans over Nisqually River between Longmire and Paradise Inn, Mt. Rainier National Park. B. M. French, regional engr. CD 12/28/55.

### HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—LB & CA

▲† **M. M. Sundt Constr. Co.**, 440 South Park Ave., Tucson, Ariz., CA **$2,541,152**, National Guard Facilities, Tucson Municipal Airport, ENG-04-353-57-107, TUCSON, ARIZ. U. S. Eng., 751 S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles, Calif. Bids June 13. CD 6/17, under LB.

### BUILDINGS—LB & CA

▲ **Beyer & Abrahamson**, Suite 319, 9th and Hill Sts., Los Angeles, Calif., CA **$2,000,000**. 5 story, rein.-con., steel OFFICE BLDG., 280 S. Locust St., POMONA, CALIF. General Telephone Co., 134 Holt Ave., Pomona, Calif. Maurice Sasso, Tishman Bldg., 4th and Spring Sts., Los Angeles, Calif.

▲ **Kemp Bros. & George Thompson**, 8750 Mettler St., Los Angeles, Calif., CA **$2,712,000**, Westside HIGH SCHOOL, POMONA, CALIF. Pomona Unified School Dist., 605 N. Park Ave., Pomona, Calif. Bids July 23, awarded July 26. CD 7/26, under LB.

## CANADA

### HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—BA

STATE HIGHWAY LETTINGS
STREETS AND ROADS
August 14 Ontario

### BUILDINGS—SLC

▲ **Que., Montreal**—STORE—The Eaton Co., Ltd., 677 St. Catherine St. W., soon lets contract 300,000 addnl. sq. ft. store space, store exten. (to give store full 9 story height) rein.-con. fdn., $2,000,000. Grattan D. Thompson, 1241 Guy St., archt. Bids Feb. 26 cancelled. CD 2/13.

### HEAVY CONSTRUCTION—LB & CA

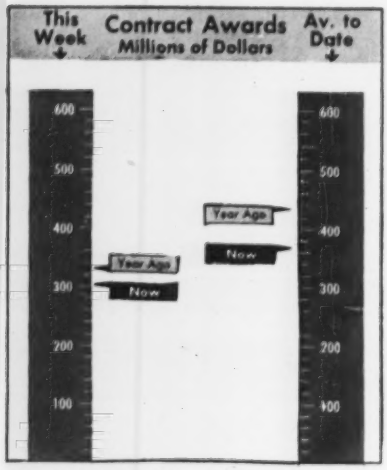
▲ **City**, City Hall, Edmonton, Alta., Owner Builds. **$4,183,882**, constr. about 23,000 ft. 60- to 108-in. rein.-con. sewer of which about 1,500 ft. will be open cut and balance in tunnel up to 120 ft. in depth, Proj. A and B, EDMONTON, ALTA. CD 6/27, under LB.

▲ **Dpt. Transport**, Hunter Bldg., Ottawa, Ont., cancelled bids to have been opened May 20, bit. RUNWAY, 6,000 ft. x 200 ft. Norman Wells Airport, NORMAN WELLS, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES. LB Est. **$4,918,016**. CD 6/17, under LB.

(Proposal Advertisements see pp. 116 to 118)

# Construction Scoreboard

## Activity this Week




### AMOUNT OF CONTRACTS LET

| By Ownership | This Week | Cum. 32 wks 1957 millions | Cum. 32 wks Chge '56-'57 % |
|---|---|---|---|
| Federal | $23.2 | $1,710.6 | +51 |
| State and Municipal | 127.7 | 4,619.9 | +15 |
| Total Public | 150.9 | 6,330.5 | +23 |
| Total Private | 147.4 | 5,403.4 | −38 |
| U. S. Total | $298.3 | $11,733.9 | −15 |
| **By Type of Work** | | | |
| Waterworks | $7.2 | $229.6 | +0.6 |
| Sewerage | 12.8 | 354.1 | −4 |
| Bridges | 14.3 | 463.5 | +22 |
| Highways | 59.5 | 1,976.9 | +31 |
| Earthwork, Waterways | 3.6 | 678.2 | +41 |
| Buildings: | | | |
| Public, Excl. Housg. | 27.8 | 1,413.3 | +12 |
| Public Housing | 8.9 | 431.9 | +100 |
| Private Housing | 53.1 | 1,906.3 | −47 |
| Commercial | 35.6 | 1,122.3 | −2 |
| Industrial | 43.1 | 2,063.8 | −42 |
| Unclassified | 32.4 | 1,094.0 | −3 |
| U. S. Total | $298.3 | $11,733.9 | −15 |

NOTE: Minimum size projects included are: Waterworks and waterways, $44,000; other public works, $73,000; industrial buildings, $93,000; other buildings, $344,000.

### NEW CAPITAL FOR CONSTRUCTION

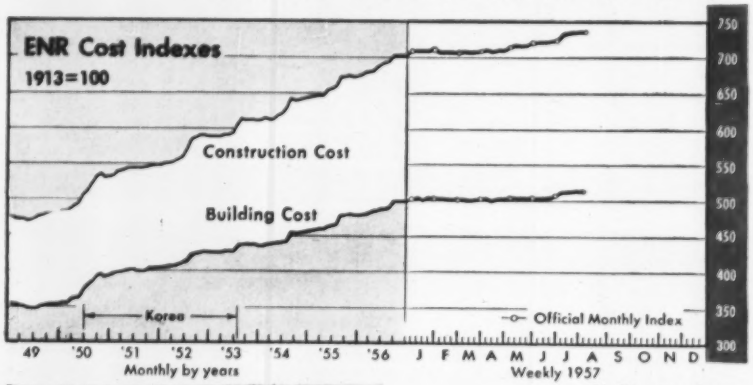
| | Week of Aug. 1 | Cum. 31 wks 1957 millions | Cum. 31 wks Chge '56-'57 % |
|---|---|---|---|
| Corporate Securities | $111.9 | $3,630.0 | +32 |
| State and Municipal: | | | |
| All Except Housing | 87.7 | 3,216.2 | +10 |
| Housing | ... | 155.8 | +268 |
| Federal Loans | 3.5 | 154.1 | +96 |
| Federal Aid | ... | 2,161.2 | +102 |
| Total Nonfederal | $203.1 | $9,317.2 | +36 |
| Federal Appropriations: | | | |
| In U. S. | ... | $413.8 | −87 |
| Outside U. S. | ... | 22.8 | +43 |
| Total New Capital | $203.1 | $9,753.8 | −2 |

## Cost Indexes as of Now

| ENR INDEXES (1913 = 100), 20-cities' average | Week of Aug. 1 1957 | % Change from July 4 1957 | % Change from Aug. 2 1956 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Construction Cost | 738.63* | +0.7 | +6.1 |
| Building Cost | 516.90* | +0.6 | +5.2 |

* Official Monthly Index for August

To convert above indexes to 1926 = 100: Divide Construction Cost by 2.080; Building Cost by 1.850
1949 = 100: Divide Construction Cost by 4.770; Building Cost by 3.518




| WAGE RATES, 20-cities' average | August 1957 | % Change from July 1957 | % Change from August 1956 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Common | 82.333 | +1.5 | +6.4 |
| Skilled (average three trades) | 3.584 | +1.2 | +5.0 |
| Bricklayers | 3.827 | +0.5 | +3.8 |
| Structural ironworkers | 3.595 | +1.9 | +6.3 |
| Carpenters | 3.330 | +1.1 | +5.2 |
| Equipment operators (average three types) | 3.210* | +1.7** | +8.1 |

* July ** June (rev.)

| MATERIAL PRICES, 20-cities' average | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Structural steel (average three mills), per cwt. | 5.275 | +5.5 | +14.7 |
| Lumber, 2x4 fir, per M fbm | 116.611 | +0.9 | −3.0 |
| Lumber, 2x4 pine, per M fbm | 101.633 | −0.2 | −3.6 |
| Cement, bulk, per bbl | 3.923 | 0† | +5.3 |
| Sand, per ton | 2.527 | +3.1 | +5.2 |
| Ready-mixed concrete, per cu yd | 13.676 | +0.8 | +2.5 |
| Gypsum sheathing, ½"x2'x8', per Msf* | 63.030 | +0.5 | +1.6 |
| Fiber board sheathing, ½" sq. ed, per MSF* | 71,300 | −1.8 | +2.9 |
| Mineral wool insulation, 3' batts, per Msf* | 70.553 | −1.5 | −1.6 |
| Crushed stone, 1½", per ton, CL | 2.796 | −1.2 | +0.3 |
| Concrete blocks, sand gravel, 8"x8"x16", each* | 0.227 | +0.4 | +1.3 |
| | July 1957 | June 1957 | July 1957 |
| Brick, common, per M | 37.675 | +0.4 | +2.7 |
| Lime, hydrated finishing, per ton, CL | 36.299 | 0 | +8.1 |
| Structural clay tile, 3x12x12", per M, 2,000 up* | 179.242 | +0.2 | +3.3 |
| Vitrified clay sewer pipe, std 12", per ft | 1.299 | 0 | +5.2 |
| Concrete sewer pipe, 12", per ft | 1.162 | +0.7 | +6.4 |

* Delivered, trucklots † July revised

### ENR INDEX REVIEW

| | Construction Cost | | Building Cost | | Volume | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1956 | 1913 = 100 | 1949 = 100 | 1913 = 100 | 1949 = 100 | 1913 = 100 | 1949 = 100 |
| Aug | 696.31 | 145.97 | 491.22 | 139.63 | 583 | 168 |
| Sept | 704.91 | 147.77 | 500.10 | 142.16 | 580 | 168 |
| Oct | 703.88 | 147.56 | 499.54 | 142.00 | 729 | 211 |
| Nov | 704.13 | 147.61 | 500.48 | 142.27 | 542 | 157 |
| Dec | 703.82 | 147.55 | 500.17 | 142.18 | 624 | 180 |
| 1956 Average | 692.37 | 145.14 | 490.76 | 139.50 | 671 | 194 |
| 1957 | | | | | | |
| Jan | 707.90 | 148.40 | 501.96 | 142.69 | 504 | 146 |
| Feb | 710.06 | 148.85 | 502.59 | 142.87 | 546 | 158 |
| Mar | 708.64 | 148.56 | 501.37 | 142.52 | 553 | 160 |
| Apr | 709.30 | 148.69 | 501.37 | 142.52 | 564 | 163 |
| May | 715.70 | 150.04 | 503.01 | 142.99 | 553 | 160 |
| June | 721.36 | 151.22 | 504.17 | 143.32 | 588 | 170 |
| July | 724.15 | 151.81 | 506.62 | 144.01 | 587 | 170 |
| Aug | 738.63 | 154.84 | 516.90 | 146.93 | ... | ... |

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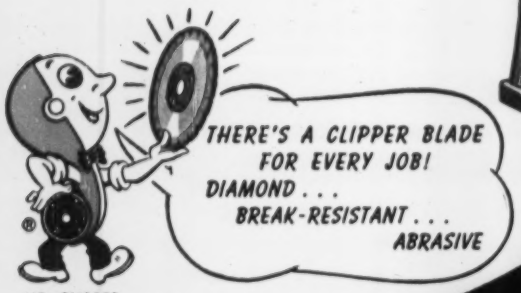


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# July Contract Awards Top June by 2%

Heavy construction contracts, as reported by ENGINEERING NEWS-RECORD and CONSTRUCTION DAILY, totaled $1.58 billion in July. The monthly figure was 2% above June despite a 13% drop in private work to $637 million and a 1% decline in state and municipal awards. Federal contracts carried the ball with an 89% increase.

Road work was a leader for the month with $311 million of new highway contracts placed under contract. This is a 6% jump over June and a fat 43% increase over July 1956.

Among the top highway awards was a $37.7 million contract for work on the Illinois Toll Road. New York, Ohio and California also helped the highway classification with awards ranging from $20 million to $36 million.

The road classification in a continued uptrend saw awards running at an average weekly rate of $77.7 million compared to June's $73.3 million weekly average.

For the first seven months this year, the volume of highway awards is exceeded only by industrial building.

• **One up, one down**—Despite a 44% drop from last year's comparable seven months, industrial building topped all other types of construction with awards of $1.95 billion. Highway awards of $1.83 billion top last year's figure by 31%.

The public works category was generally on the healthy side. Only waterworks and bridges showed a minus sign in July when compared with the previous month. They were down 21% and 22% respectively.

Most types of public works showed increases over July of last year ranging from 26% to 114%. Unclassified was the only public works category to show a drop from July 1956, and that was only 5%.

Public building other than housing turned up awards of $1.34 billion for the first seven months. This is an increase of 12% over last year's comparable period and can be accounted for by a rash of school construction programs under way.

The July total for public buildings was swelled by a $35.5 million State Department building in Washington, D. C. and a $13.2 million hospital at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center in Illinois.

• **The private picture**—Mass housing led all other private construction dollar volume ($227.4 million), but the total still represented a drop of 18% from June and a 30% decline from July 1956.

Of the total housing awards, Ohio claimed 30% in July with two mass housing projects at Reynoldsburg totaling $27 million and two awards at Parma tallying $22.5 million.

Ohio also walked off with the crown in the industrial building classification, accounting for $70.9 million of the nation's $213 million in contracts awarded during July.

• **Commercial activity**—Awards for commercial building during July rose to $158 million, topping June by 16% and July 1956 by 37%. However, its awards of more than $1 billion so far this year still are below last year's comparable period by 3%.

Two contracts in New York City helped boost the July total; one of $25 million for a 38 story structure in the financial district and another of $10 million for an office building.

Ohio, for the second consecutive month, topped all states in construction contract awards, as reported by ENR and CD. New York ranked second among the 23 states that let more contracts in July 1957 than a year ago. Its $145 million of awards soared 129% ahead of July 1956, while in commercial contracts the state topped all states for the month.

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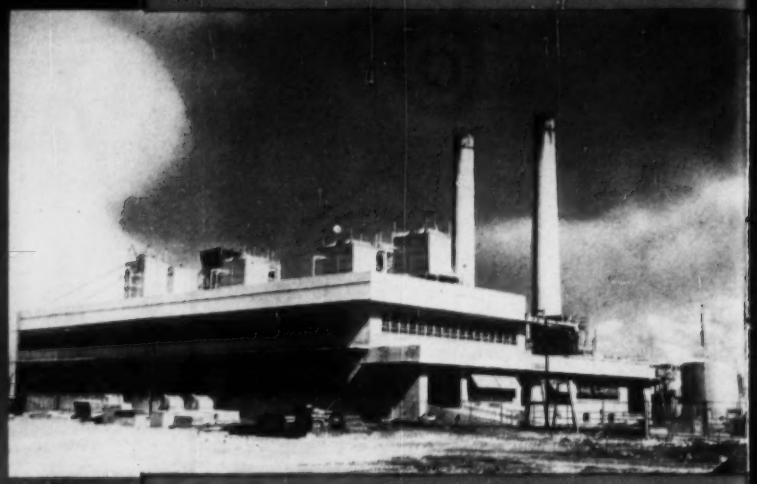
# Engineering Construction Contracts—July '57

*ENGINEERING NEWS-RECORD reports continental U. S. Construction projects of the following minimum costs—Waterworks, excavation, drainage and irrigation, $44,000; other public works, $73,000; industrial buildings, $93,000; other buildings, $344,000.*

Four Weeks Thousands of Dollars (000 Omitted)

| | July, 1957 | | | | | | | U. S. Cumulative Seven Months | | % Change | Canada July |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | New England | Middle Atlantic | South | Mid-West | West of Mississippi | Far West | Total U. S. | 1957 | 1956 | '56 to '57 | 1957 |
| **Public Works** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Waterworks | 444 | 1,800 | 1,787 | 2,735 | 6,930 | 2,422 | **16,118** | **216,903** | 215,858 | +0.5 | 1,169 |
| Sewerage | 3,504 | 20,831 | 5,845 | 20,804 | 8,269 | 16,727 | **75,980** | **334,455** | 346,249 | − 3 | 3,429 |
| Bridges | 4,585 | 19,039 | 12,607 | 12,012 | 12,984 | 4,793 | **66,020** | **432,347** | 355,426 | +22 | 3,821 |
| Earthwork and waterways | 9,382 | 985 | 2,388 | 19,459 | 11,007 | 32,902 | **76,123** | **665,589** | 465,839 | +43 | 8,331 |
| Streets and roads | 9,122 | 64,684 | 40,985 | 101,018 | 60,504 | 34,741 | **311,054** | **1,832,583** | 1,401,127 | +31 | 19,921 |
| Public buildings, residential | 5,232 | 24,883 | 8,203 | 7,518 | 7,952 | 4,805 | **58,593** | **412,639** | 213,293 | +93 | 1,000 |
| Other public buildings | 9,559 | 67,982 | 17,769 | 52,278 | 44,651 | 41,883 | **234,122** | **1,339,689** | 1,200,711 | +12 | 18,330 |
| Unclassified | 9,222 | 31,327 | 21,500 | 10,665 | 23,828 | 17,303 | **113,845** | **750,624** | 702,976 | + 7 | 3,101 |
| **Total public** | **51,050** | **231,531** | **111,084** | **226,489** | **176,125** | **155,576** | **951,855** | **5,984,829** | **4,901,479** | **+22** | **59,102** |
| Federal government (included in above classifications) | 18,010 | 80,395 | 33,324 | 41,553 | 44,077 | 57,086 | **274,445** | **1,656,335** | 1,106,295 | +50 | 18,853 |
| **Private** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bridges | ..... | ..... | ..... | 450 | ..... | ..... | **450** | **1,777** | 4,404 | −60 | ..... |
| Industrial buildings | 8,122 | 18,161 | 8,505 | 123,225 | 48,542 | 6,026 | **212,581** | **1,945,900** | 3,479,263 | −44 | 38,631 |
| Mass housing | 21,462 | 66,352 | 7,099 | 107,288 | 17,982 | 7,187 | **227,370** | **1,790,006** | 3,343,444 | −46 | 9,198 |
| Commercial buildings | 15,014 | 55,849 | 9,459 | 25,767 | 31,564 | 20,468 | **158,121** | **1,040,761** | 1,076,608 | − 3 | 8,708 |
| Unclassified | 744 | ..... | 2,610 | 1,635 | 18,127 | 15,580 | **38,696** | **271,344** | 393,533 | −31 | 6,260 |
| **Total private** | **45,342** | **140,362** | **27,673** | **258,365** | **116,215** | **49,261** | **637,218** | **5,049,788** | **8,297,252** | **−39** | **60,797** |
| **Total Engineering Construction:** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **July, 1957 — 4 weeks** | **96,392** | **371,893** | **138,757** | **484,854** | **292,340** | **204,837** | **1,589,073** | ..... | ..... | ..... | 119,899 |
| June, 1957 — 4 weeks | 115,662 | 299,383 | 147,942 | 501,754 | 272,925 | 223,701 | **1,561,367** | ..... | ..... | ..... | 124,944 |
| July, 1956 — 4 weeks | 105,933 | 235,825 | 339,378 | 491,077 | 400,927 | 262,278 | **1,835,418** | ..... | ..... | ..... | 302,643 |
| **Seven Months — 1957** | **719,209** | **2,683,468** | **1,206,447** | **2,530,739** | **2,026,167** | **1,868,587** | ..... | **11,034,617** | ..... | **−16** | **989,868** |
| Seven Months — 1956 | 751,270 | 3,372,200 | 1,488,492 | 2,834,685 | 2,814,903 | 1,937,181 | ..... | ..... | 13,198,731 | ..... | 1,380,354 |
| % Change '56 to '57 | −4 | −20 | −19 | −11 | −28 | −4 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | −28 |



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*OIL Tanker pier in Australia (above) is another example of Raymond's complete construction services outside the United States. Typical of foundation work in this country is the Raymond supported refinery (bottom) in Toledo, Ohio.*

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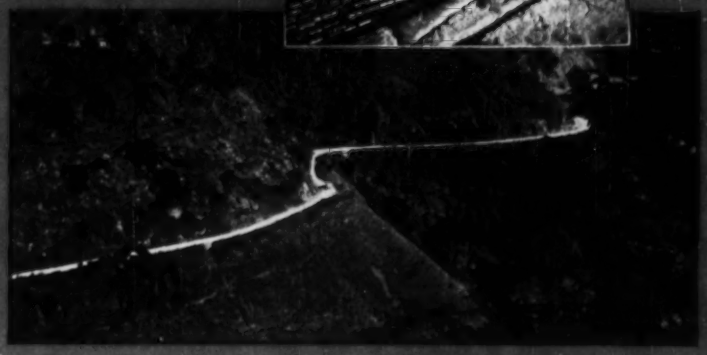

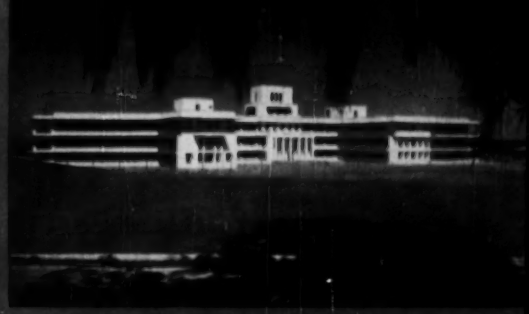

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# Costs Set Record

### Construction Cost Index takes biggest jump since 1947 as steel prices soar

Construction costs in August leaped 14.48 points from July on ENGINEERING NEWS-RECORD's Construction Cost Index. It was the biggest such jump since January 1947.

ENR's Building Cost Index also soared from July to August with a jump of 10.28 points, the biggest point increase for this index since August 1955.

The new Construction Cost Index value is 738.63; the new Building Cost Index reading is 516.90. (Both indexes are based on 1913=100).

In making the jumps, both indexes went past the standings predicted for December of this year when ENR said the Construction Cost Index would read 728 and the Building Cost Index 513 (Dec. 6, 1956, p. 89).

Costs moved up sharply this month because of higher mill prices for structural steel shapes. Steel alone accounted for 6.9 points of the Construction Cost and Building Cost Indexes climb.

Wage increases also added to the cost rise. Common labor rate increases, including fringes pushed up the 20 city average for building and heavy construction 3.5 cents to $2.334 an hour on Aug. 1. This added 7 points to the Construction Cost Index.

• **Skilled trades gain**—The 20 city average for the three key skilled trades—bricklayers, carpenters and structural ironworkers—moved up 4.1 cents, including fringes, to $3.584 an hour to add nearly three points to the Building Cost Index.

Cement and lumber prices average about the same this month as July. The Douglas fir-southern pine 2x4's price average went up only a whisker for the second consecutive month and had no significant effect on the ENR cost indexes.

In the general labor picture, this year's contracts contain more generous fringe benefits in addition to the basic pay rate increases. Some of the fringes represent innovations for certain unions in the 20 major cities checked by ENR.

• **Big winners**—Common labor rates showed the greatest increase. Laborers on building construction have won raises, including fringes, averaging 13.5 cents an hour so far this year compared to gains of 10.9 cents last year.

Heavy construction laborers averaged pay increases of 13.8 cents an hour this year as against last year's average of 10 cents.

Carpenters and structural ironworkers this year almost surpassed 1956 gains in the 20 cities, while bricklayers, on average, settled for slightly smaller increases than those of last year.

• **What they got**—Carpenters' wage hikes this year, including fringes, average 14.5 cents, compared to 13.1 cents last year. Ironworkers came in with an average of 20.1 cents hourly this year contrasted to 15.1 cents last year.

Bricklayers, however, have obtained average increases this year of only 15.6 cents as against an 18.1 cent hourly boost in 1956.

# New Lease on Life

### California provides money for water planning staff

California's Division of Design and Construction in the State Department of Water Resources was granted longer life with the signing of a bill by Gov. Goodwin J. Knight appropriating $1.3 million for an aqueduct north of San Francisco.

The funds will be used to complete engineering studies and preparation of plans and specifications for the North Bay Aqueduct that will carry water from the Sacramento-Joaquin delta to the counties north of San Francisco Bay.

The appropriation, combined with about $1.7 million of holdover funds in the Water Resources Department, will make it possible to retain the engineering staff. Without the appropriation, many engineers recruited for state water planning and construction would have been dismissed (ENR June 20, p. 24).

• **Record established**—With the bill signing period now ended, Gov. Knight established a new record in accepting 2,424 bills. He vetoed 23 and pocket vetoed 222 others.

Another money bill signed was one appropriating $200,000 for surveys, plans and studies preliminary to issuance of bonds for San Mateo-Hayward Toll Bridge improvements or the construction of a parallel crossing.

Effective immediately is a new law providing funds for removal of rails and the converting of San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge to full motor vehicle traffic. The second deck so provided will permit one way traffic in each direction.

It also provides that if the proposed Southern Crossing is not financed by July 1, 1958, the authorization expires. The Toll Bridge Authority then may choose any site for a bridge and finance it.

• **Lease-purchase law**—Also signed into law was a bill permitting school districts to make lease-purchase agreements for school construction. The law, effective Sept. 11, limits the agreements to 40 years.

Another bill signed gives county supervisors authority to issue bonds, having a maximum term of 10 years, for construction of county roads. The bonds will be secured and payable from one-fourth the minimum amount which the state controller estimates will be paid to the county for road construction during the period the bonds are outstanding.

Similar authority also is granted to cities for street construction, but their issues must be approved by four-fifths of the City Council.

Individual issues will not require a referendum, but the entire act must be validated by a constitutional amendment to be voted on in November 1958.

At least one law will affect contractors. It provides that any person found guilty of acting as a contractor without the required contractor's license will be denied the right to a licensing examination for six months after conviction. The registrar of contracts, however, has the authority to waive this prohibition for "good cause."

• **Other laws**—Also signed were bills to:

• Increase maximum weekly unemployment insurance benefits from $33 to $40.

• Increase the appropriation for repair of storm damage to county roads from $369,000 to $500,000 a year.

# Tennessee Cities Agree To Aid State on Road Land

Tennessee's four metropolitan cities have agreed to obtain titles, make appraisals and provide legal services for acquiring property within their boundaries for the interstate highway system, in return for state help in these matters.

The agreement was reached in a conference between officials of the cities and W. M. Leech, state highway commissioner. Under state law (ENR Dec. 27, 1956, p. 20), the highway department must depend on local governments for highway land acquisition.

The state and federal governments will provide the money for the purchase of the right-of-ways as well as some other work-connected costs.

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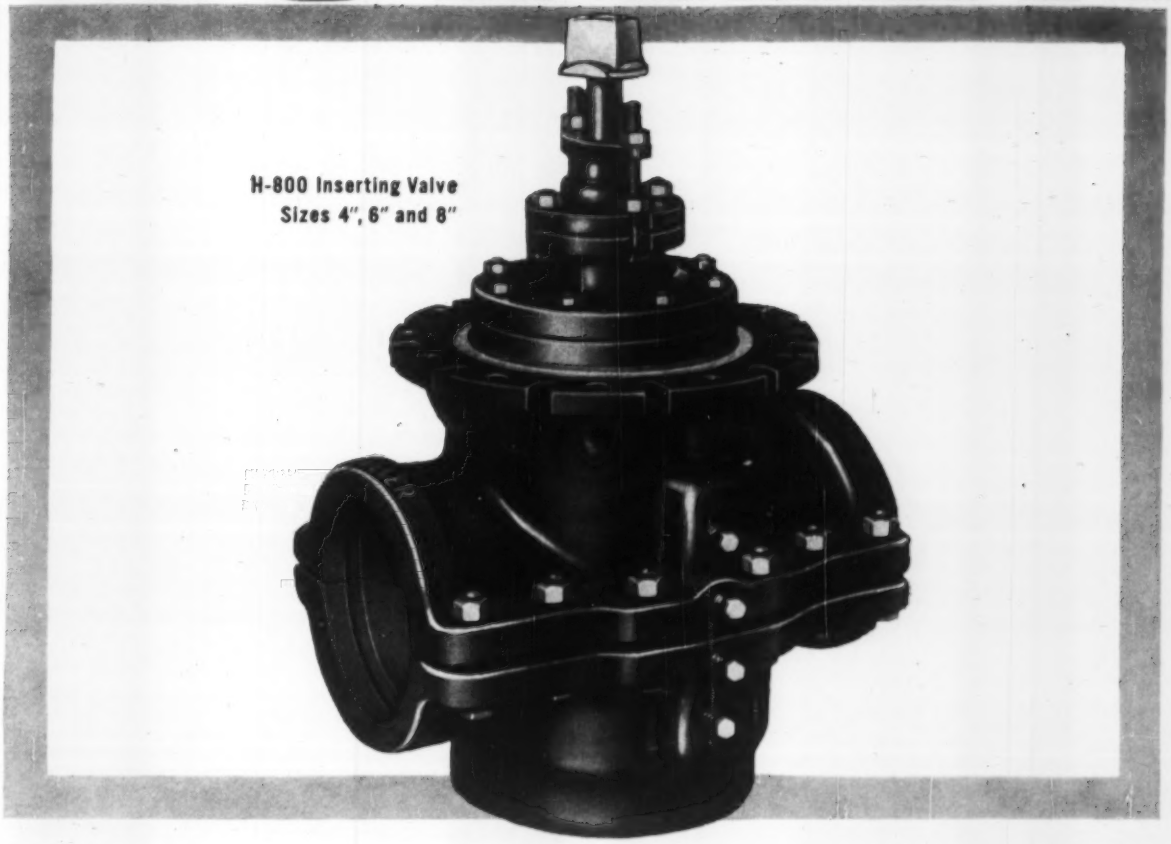

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# Negotiated Contract Upheld

## Baltimore court rules that contract for state office building may be awarded without competitive bidding

A court in Baltimore, Md., has ruled that public works contracts may be let without competitive bidding unless a controlling statute, ordinance, charter or constitution requires otherwise.

The decision, written by Judge Edwin Harlan of the Circuit Court of Baltimore City, upheld the validity of a contract award for a $12.9 million Maryland state office building project to Blake Construction Company, a Delaware corporation and low bidder on the project. Terminal Construction Corporation of New Jersey and Baltimore Contractors Inc., which had jointly submitted the second low bid, had attempted to have the contract set aside on several grounds, the principal one being that the Board of Public Works had negotiated changes in the specifications and contract price with Blake after the bids were opened and before a contract was awarded.

In overruling the Terminal-Baltimore contention, Judge Harlan held that the original solicitation of bids, which was not required by law, did not waive the board's right to award the contract by negotiation rather than by bidding as long as the board's action was not fraudulent, collusive or arbitrary. Judge Harlan found no evidence of such conduct.

• **Genesis**—The case, which has evoked considerable controversy for several months (ENR Mar. 28, p. 112), involved contracts for a 15 story main office building and a 6 story State Roads Commission building. Contractors were invited to submit separate bids on the project as a whole and on the main office building alone; 20 alternates (such as substitution of limestone for marble and granux for granite) were included as possible additions to or deductions from the base bids. Blake was low by $320,000 on the two bids and was also lowest on the combination of acceptable alternates.

Low bid for the project exceeded the state's available appropriation then on hand. Through changes in the plans negotiated with Blake and through the use of alternates, the estimated cost of the two units was cut to $12,938,093. Blake's initial bid was $12,982,000.

Pending legislative action on a request for additional money, the board awarded Blake a contract for the main office building only, with a short-term option to extend the contract to the entire project exercisable by the state after the governor had signed an appropriation bill. After the bill was signed but before its effective date, the option was used and a contract was awarded for both units.

• **Questions**—In addition to the vital question of the board's right to negotiate with Blake, Terminal-Baltimore contested several actions of the board, including these: permitting Blake to correct a clerical error in its bid; imposing an ambiguous requirement for naming subcontractors; failure to reject all bids because all exceeded the existing appropriation; awarding a contract with an option and exercising the option before necessary funds were available.

The court upheld the board on all counts. It said the board had broad discretionary powers and that its actions, where not contrary to law, were not subject to court review in the absence of fraud or collusion.

Throughout the history of the contract, Judge Harlan declared, the board had given each of the contractors adequate opportunity to seek clarification of the plans, had carefully weighed each of its decisions, had not exceeded its powers, and had acted with reasonableness and propriety in an effort to discharge its obligations to the people of Maryland.

## Lummus Company Sells Its Heat Exchanger Division

Lummus Co., New York City, designer and builder of chemical and petroleum plants, sold its heat exchanger division to Yuba Consolidated Gold Fields, San Francisco, for $2 million. The transaction included a manufacturing plant at Honesdale, Pa.

Lummus officials said the manufacturing division was sold so that the company can concentrate on its design and construction activities.

## Colorado Engineers Plan Society Building

Engineering leaders at Denver are pushing a plan to construct an Engineers Building to house branches of engineering, architectural and scientific organizations.

Looking to such a structure, the Colorado Society of Engineers, Inc. bought nearly one acre as the site for the structure which has an estimated cost of $250,000.

Ben D. Landes, chairman of the society's building committee, said no bids for construction would be called "until we have the money in the bank."

Plans for the building shown above have been drawn by Paul R. Reddy, Denver architect.

Two types of financing are under study. One calls for the issuance of long-term, low interest-bearing obligations to be bought by individual members of organizations occupying the building. The other would authorize leasing of wall space for advertising in the two major rooms of the building.

In the two rooms, an auditorium and a plans and specifications room, 1,000 sq ft of eye-level wall space is available. Space would be leased for three years at $450 a sq ft. Advertisers would be limited to a maximum of 2 sq ft in any one location but could lease additional space in other areas.

Advertising will be limited to materials manufacturers, equipment manufacturers, supply houses, contractors, engineering firms and others providing goods or services used by engineers, architects and scientists.

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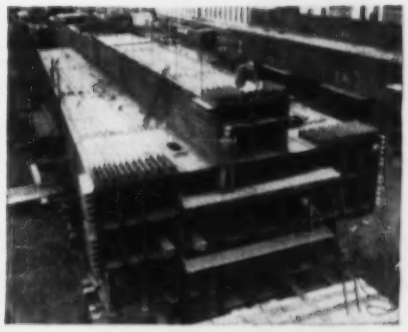

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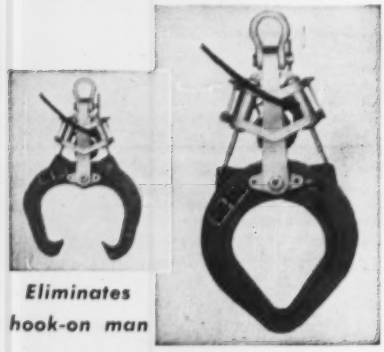

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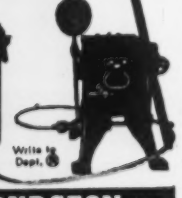

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# FHA Cuts Downpayments

Homebuilding got the hoped-for boost from government this week. The Federal Housing Administration eased downpayments for home buyers and raised the allowable interest rate on FHA-insured mortgages, at the same time setting liberal discount limits that will further assist the financing of these home loans.

Downpayment requirements were lowered to the minimums permitted by the new housing law, as shown in the table.

Interest rates go to 5¼% from the current 5%. The idea is to try to lure money into the mortgage market.

The effect on new housing starts is not going to be dramatic in the remainder of 1957, but the Administration's decision was hailed by the homebuilding industry because it comes early enough for builders to work in advance on more ambitious 1958 plans.

Charles Goodyear, president of the National Association of Home Builders, told a Congressional committee a week ago that he expects starts this year to be a low 850,000 or so—regardless of where downpayments are pegged. Some others in the industry, however, are more optimistic than Mr. Goodyear. They think the action will touch off a mild upturn in the remainder of this year and starts will at least get over the 900,000 mark.

For a month, ever since President Eisenhower signed the bill authorizing—but not requiring—the lower downpayments, Washington had heard speculation that the Administration would not invoke them because of fear of feeding inflation.

The since-retired Treasury Sec. George M. Humphrey, Federal Reserve Chairman William McChesney Martin and most of President Eisenhower's top economic advisers were portrayed as being against lower downpayments at this time. Only the federal housing chief, Albert Cole, and the FHA Commissioner, Norman P. Mason, were said to be making a plea for using the lower downpayments now.

Then how did it happen? No one outside the Administration is absolutely certain, but the most prevalent view is that the White House felt, once the higher interest rates had been determined as necessary, it should "do something for the people as well as the lenders."

As a further aid to financing, the new rules established permissible discounting of FHA mortgages on a regional basis, with a maximum of 2½% allowed in the areas where money is hardest to get—as in the mountain states.

**—FHA Downpayments—**

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| 7,000 | 350 | 210 |
| 8,000 | 400 | 240 |
| 9,000 | 450 | 270 |
| 10,000 | 700 | 300 |
| 11,000 | 950 | 450 |
| 12,000 | 1,200 | 600 |
| 13,000 | 1,450 | 750 |
| 14,000 | 1,700 | 900 |
| 15,000 | 1,950 | 1,050 |
| 16,000 | 2,200 | 1,200 |
| 17,000 | 2,450 | 1,500 |
| 18,000 | 2,700 | 1,800 |
| 19,000 | 2,950 | 2,100 |
| 20,000 | 3,200 | 2,400 |
| 21,000 | 3,450 | 2,700 |
| 22,000 | 3,700 | 3,000 |
| 23,000 | 3,950 | 3,300 |
| 24,000 | 4,200 | 4,000 |
| 25,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 |

## Cement Outlook

### Some price boosts due; two producers hold line

Settlement of the cement strike last week and resumption of shipments to construction sites (ENR, Aug. 1, p. 17), brought a flurry of price announcements from producers.

Ideal Cement Co., Denver, was among the first officially to announce a price increase, but did not disclose by what amount. Medusa Portland Cement Co., Cleveland, followed with a prediction that cement prices would be raised, but added the increase probably would be held off until November or December in those areas where "we are the dominant shipper." Ideal had announced the increase for the fall.

On the other side of the fence, Arizona Portland Cement Co. at Rillito, announced a 15 cent per barrel mill price reduction.

Alpha Portland Cement Co., Easton, Pa., also was inclined the same way. J. F. McGee, chairman, said the company feels "the inflationary trend should be curbed." So, in spite of increased operating costs and higher wages, Mr. McGee said that Alpha intends "to hold the line on prices at least for the remainder of this year."

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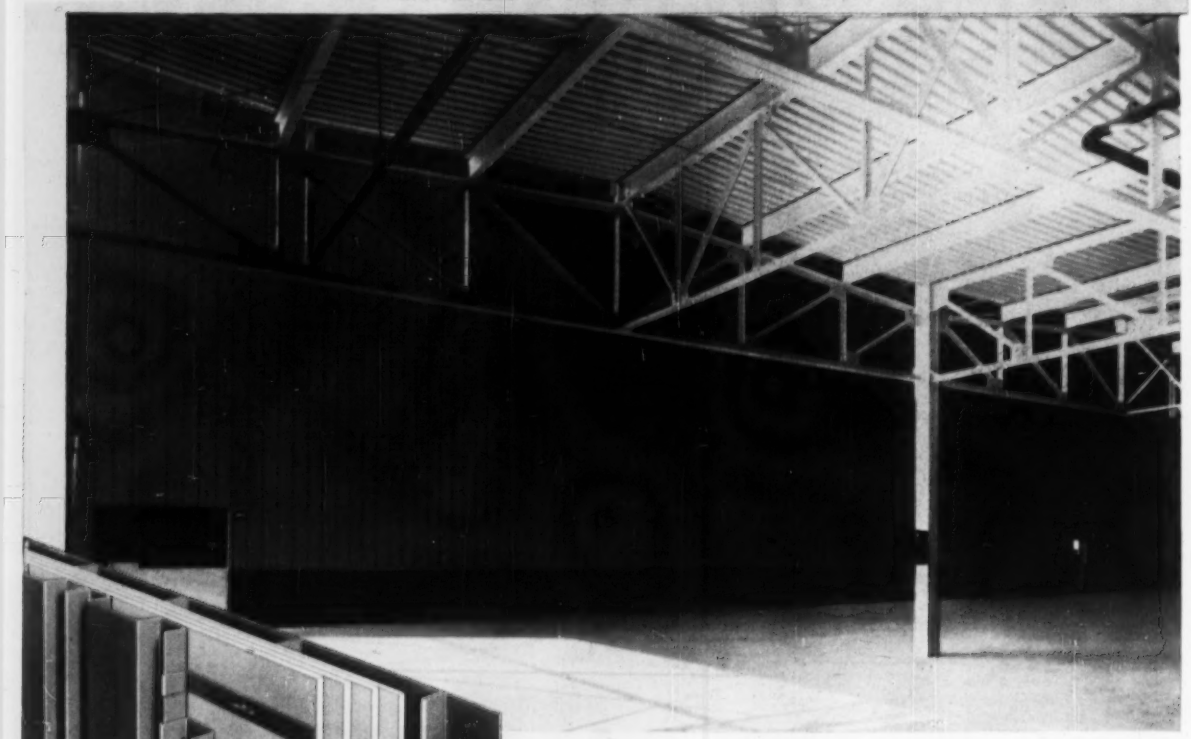

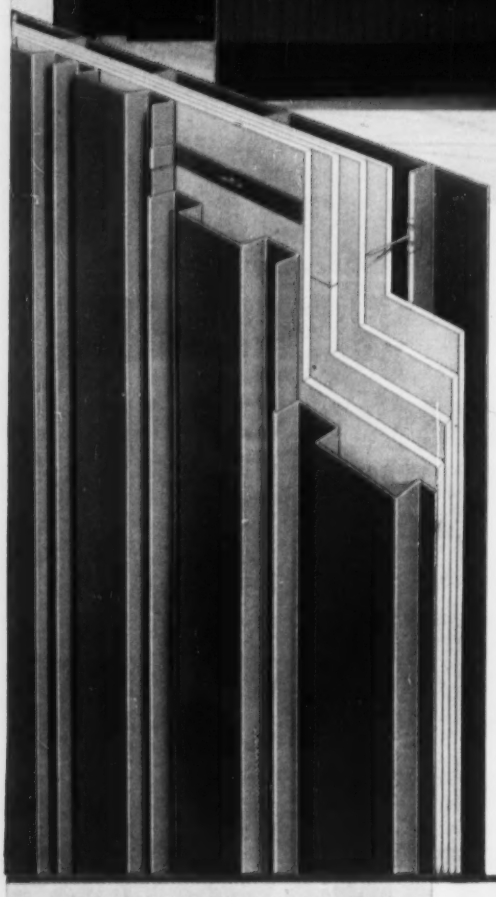

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# Investigators Draw New Bead on Hoffa

## Effort to link teamster leader with New York rackets poses new problems for AFL-CIO and building trades

Still irked by the bribery acquittal of teamster leader James R. Hoffa, the Senate Select Committee last week fired a broadside at union activities in New York City in what looked like an effort to scalp Mr. Hoffa and to spike his chances of succeeding Dave Beck as teamster president.

The investigation, which adds immeasurably to the internal dilemmas of the AFL-CIO and its Building Trades Department, was described by committee chairman Senator McClellan as an attempt to show that "hoodlums and racketeers" had penetrated the "labor picture" with the aid of "certain high level union officials," among them Mr. Hoffa. One of the professed targets is the possible role played by Mr. Hoffa and Johnny Dio in the affairs of the teamsters' influential Joint Council 16, the recent history of which has witnessed formation of several "paper" locals (ENR May 17, 1956, p. 186) and the unseating of president Martin T. Lacey by John O'Rourke.

The 44-year-old Mr. Hoffa, long considered heir to Mr. Beck, announced in San Francisco that the New York investigation would not affect his bid for the union presidency. He claims support of 75% of the teamsters' membership, including those in the Eastern, Central and Southern Conferences.

• **Squeeze**—The big dilemma for the building trades is apt to shape up in Atlantic City this week when the AFL-CIO Building and Construction Trades Department meets in special convention to consider changes in its constitution. Rumored to take precedence over all agenda items is the jurisdictional conflict between craft and industrial unions, with Mr. Hoffa leading the protest against AFL-CIO President George Meany's roving-team plan for settling jurisdictional disputes (ENR July 11, p. 145). The plan, which carries no jurisdictional guarantees, is considered by many to leave the building trades still in the position of paying too high a price for labor unity as pressure mounts for completion of AFL-CIO mergers on the state level.

Acceptance of Mr. Hoffa's leadership in that fight would drive a deeper wedge between the building trades and the AFL-CIO, in which the recent use of the Fifth Amendment by carpenters' President Maurice Hutcheson is still an unknown quantity.

James R. Hoffa

So far, neither the AFL-CIO nor the building trades has taken an official stand on the short, tough, self-confident, dynamic Mr. Hoffa. Present indications, even if the McClellan charges are not substantiated, are, as Sen. Irving Ives predicted, that Mr. Hoffa's troubles are "far from over," and that his election as teamster president would sharpen the pending threat of the teamsters' ouster from the AFL-CIO. Under those circumstances, continued membership in the Building Trades Department of 1,720,000-member union, which holds a strategic place in the construction industry, could well torpedo the AFL-CIO merger itself.

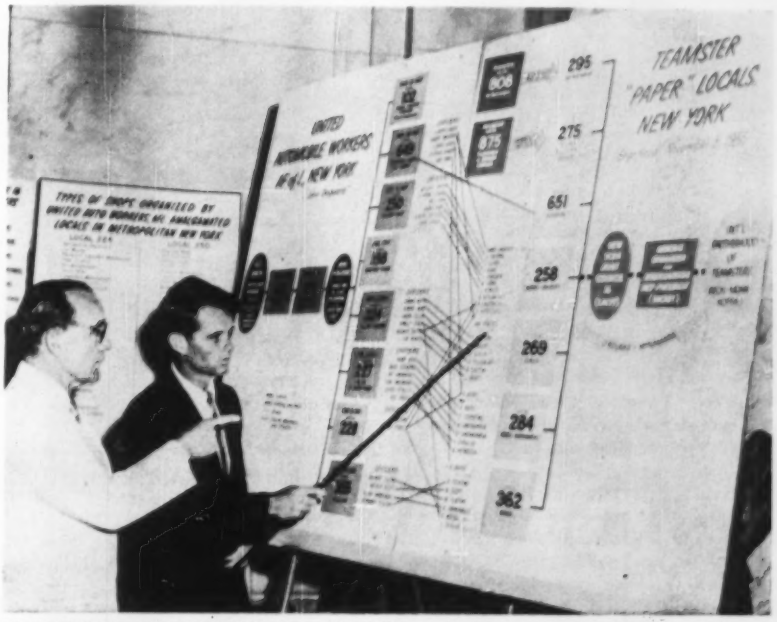
• **Record**—No defection from the AFL-CIO or labor unity has been shown by the building trades, the teamsters, or Mr. Hoffa. All have expressed the hope of solving the problems within the present framework.

Moving in that direction last week, Mr. Hoffa, whose rivalry with Walter Reuther is a significant background factor, worked with the union's constitutional committee on teamster charter changes.

He proposed that:

• The union's president be stripped of personal power and made an administrative officer under the Executive Board.

• Restrictions be placed on use of




**COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN** Sen. McClellan and chief counsel Robert Kennedy use chart to explain their charge that Mr. Hoffa used racketeers in his quest for union power.

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In the overall picture, in addition to the still unproved charges of the McClellan committee, these time-bombs, however, remained:

• The teamsters last week refused to appear for an AFL-CIO Ethical Practices Committee hearing on charges of corruption in the union. The reason: Unprepared.

• Mr. Hoffa reported he has been subpoenaed to appear Aug. 13 before the McClellan committee, which has scored heavy use of the Fifth Amendment.

• Hoffa backers in the teamsters union promise to continue the fight against the AFL-CIO Ethical Practice Code that denies invokers of the Fifth Amendment the right to hold union office.

Behind these lurk the ever-present possibility that the wrong moves by organized labor will produce legislation designed to hamstring still further all unions in their right to organize, to impose union shop conditions, to engage in strikes and boycotts and to indulge in political action.

## New Long-Term Pacts

### Agreements reached with L.A. hod carriers and New York boilermakers

Another five year contract in the construction industry last week ended a 30 day strike of 4,000 hod carriers in California's Los Angeles and Orange Counties, and paved the way for 8,000 plasterers and lathers, idled by the strike, to return to their jobs. But 8,000 plumbers and 5,000 sheet metal workers within the area remained on strike as negotiations continued.

The hod carriers' contract, first in the local industry to tie future pay boosts to cost-of-living increases, grants an immediate hourly wage hike of 16¼ cents, with another 6¼ cents next year; 2½ cents of the present health and welfare contribution will be transferred to the basic rate this year, and on May 1, 1958, the health and welfare payment will be increased 10 cents. During the last three years, pay boosts will be geared to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' cost-of-living index. The contract prohibits contractors from transferring more than 10% of their crews from one local's jurisdiction to another.

Side effect of the contract is to give members of the plasterers union a 14 cent pay boost this year and next. Union had settled earlier for 15 cents now and 5 cents next year.

Meanwhile, New York City boilermakers, who had refrained from striking during negotiations, added another three year contract to those already signed in the metropolitan area. Representing a somewhat better bargain than other unions got under the earlier pattern of 65 cents over three years, the contract grants a 75 cent wage boost in six installments—15, 10, 15, 10, 15, 10—plus a 10 cent pension fund contribution effective as of July 1. Hourly rate after the final installment will be $4.75.

## Union Work Permits

### Court orders carpenters to cease charging fees

Three district councils of carpenters and two local carpenter unions in Southern California have been ordered by the United States Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals to stop their practice of charging nonunion members fees for temporary working permits. The order became effective July 26.

The court upheld a National Labor Relations Board claim that the practice is unfair and discriminatory under the Taft-Hartley Act.

Directed against the Los Angeles, San Bernadino and Riverside District Councils of Carpenters and Locals 1400 and 1046, the order directs the unions to cease and desist from "causing or attempting to cause Pardee Construction Co. or any other employer over whom the NLRB has jurisdiction to discriminate against employees or applicants for employment by conditioning the eligibility of such employees or applicants to register for work or receive work orders, under a contractually established, exclusive employment referral system, upon the payment of a fee for a temporary working card which members of local unions affiliated with the District Council of Carpenters are not required to pay."

An NLRB spokesman in Los Angeles said he believes other unions have engaged in the practice of charging discriminatory fees to nonunion members and that the practice has existed "for a number of years" among some Southern California unions that maintain hiring halls.

Except for discouraging imposition of the special fee, no significant changes are anticipated in hiring hall practices as a result of the court ruling. Unions maintaining hiring halls will still be obliged to send non-members to employers in open competition.

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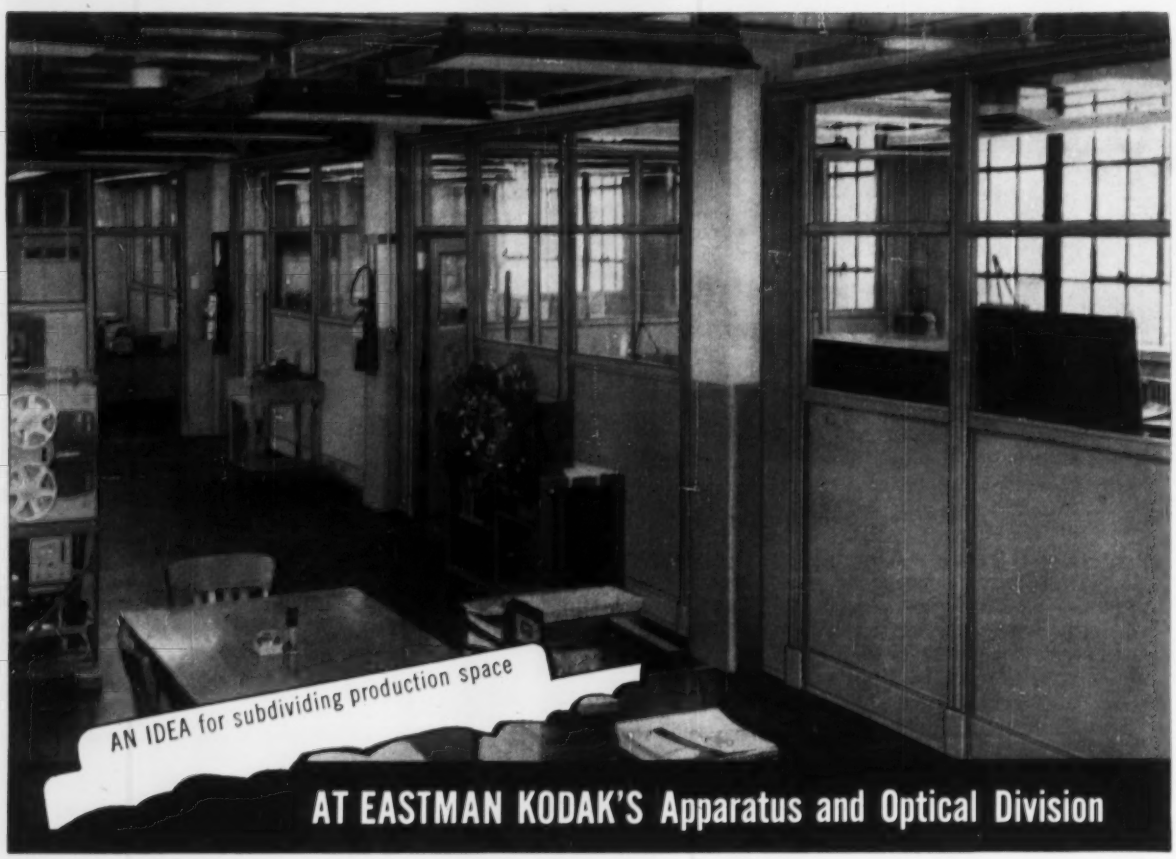


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## Right-to-Work Law Used By Union as a Defense

A building trades union last month successfully used the Tennessee right-to-work law to get out from under an $18,000 damage suit filed by a contractor who claimed a contract had been lost because of a strike by the union.

The suit was filed by Finchum Steel Erection Company of Knoxville. The firm had a contract to erect structural steel for a Rohm & Haas plastics plant and the contract required use of union labor. A dispute between Finchum and a member of iron workers' Local 384 led to a union walkout that was said to have prevented Finchum from performing the contract. Result was cancellation of the contract by Rohm & Haas. Finchum sued the union for damages.

The union contended that the union shop clause in the contract made the latter void under the state's right-to-work law and that the damage suit, having nothing to support it, must also fall by the wayside. Circuit Judge John Kelly agreed, but noted the union's anomalous position in these terms: "The union theory presents a most unusual anamoly, a defendant union and its officers deviating from union labor's ancient and well-known opposition to right-to-work laws and invoking one of those laws to defend itself against a threatened liability."

## Big Four Makes Progress In Florida Organization

Union efforts to organize Florida's heavy construction industry are gaining momentum as the AFL-CIO and the building trades' "big four" train their guns on Cone Brothers Contracting Co., of Tampa—one of the largest construction firms in the state.

The membership drive has been in the works for many months and is spearheaded by the teamsters, operating engineers, carpenters and laborers.

No fly-by-night campaign, the strategy meeting for the Cone operation was attended by 40 union leaders on the national level, including John W. Livingston, director of organization for the AFL-CIO.

J. W. Hughes, president of teamsters' Local 79 in Tampa, said that Cone workers "already have been organized" and the next move will be contract negotiations with the company. He quoted Mr. Livingston as saying that "Cone Brothers employees will have complete moral and financial support of the entire labor movement."

According to union leaders, the organizational drive has included the firm's roadbuilding operations. Its Tampa sand and material company, a materials operation in St. Petersburg and concrete and asphalt plants about the state. Some 1,100 employees are involved.

Following the Big Four's failure to organize through the Associated General Contractors' district chapters in the state, present strategy appears to be to single out the larger contractors as targets one at a time. First to be hit with a strike was B. B. McCormick & Sons, Inc., of Jacksonville Beach, a prime contractor at the Cape Canaveral Guided Missile Base.

## Operating Engineers Help Apprenticeship Promotion

Union operating engineers in Arizona have agreed to help finance an apprenticeship program designed to meet the manpower needs generated by the federal highway program.

According to W. A. Gray, business manager of the Phoenix local, 400 union members throughout the state have authorized deduction of one per cent an hour from their hourly pay, provided their contractors put a matching sum in the apprenticeship fund.

Of the building trades unions, the operating engineers have been one of the least active in the nation's registered apprenticeship programs. Compared with the painters union, which has a comparable number of members, for example, the operating engineers had only 394 registered apprentices as of July 1, 1956, the painters 4,497. Because of the Davis-Bacon provision in the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956, apprentices cannot be employed as such on federally assisted highway construction unless enrolled in a registered program.

## Industry and Labor Urged To Help Fight Inflation

AFL-CIO President George Meany last month urged management and labor to exercise "common sense and self-restraint" in a cooperative effort to halt inflation.

Mr. Meany's remarks were made amid mounting public interest in the relationship of wages, prices and profits to inflation. The AFL-CIO has taken the position that price increases by steel and their industries are not justified by increased labor costs that could have been absorbed, and that blaming labor for price increases is "propaganda rather than economic reality."

Speaking at a union-industry meeting in Chicago, Mr. Meany warned that

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Management and labor, he said, have a responsibility each to the other. "Labor cannot make progress at the expense of the rest of our economy," he declared, "and neither can business."

Most of the AFL-CIO efforts to have the public informed of the facts at issue through a Congressional investigation have been spearheaded by Walter Reuther, chairman of the federation's economic policy committee and head of the United Auto Workers Union. Mr. Reuther contends that the inflation has been "artificially rigged" by a few dominant corporations, that interest and dividend income have outstripped wage increases by 11 to 28% during the last four years, and that industrial price increases have in many cases occurred in the face of record profits and of less-than-capacity operation.

## Labor Briefs . . .

• **Higher rates**—Unemployment insurance tax rates in New York have reached their highest level since 1953 because of a 0.3% subsidiary payroll contribution required by law. As in previous years, highest average tax rates are in the construction and apparel industries—2.61 and 2.60% respectively.

• **Employment statistics**—A statistical summary showing the number of employees in each state working in nonagricultural industries, including contract construction, during each month in the period 1939-56 has been prepared by the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Study is entitled, "State Employment 1939-56."

• **Penalized**—Five contractors are among 48 New York employers convicted of misdemeanors during the first six months of 1957 for repeated failure to file unemployment insurance payroll reports on time. Total fines were $2,100; penalties ranged from $15 to $175, some with alternate jail sentences.

• **Strike averted**—Fear of a province-wide strike by British Columbia's 4,500 lower mainland carpenters dissolved last month when the union accepted a new two year contract granting a 43 cent hourly wage boost. Retroactive to April 1, the agreement will increase the hourly rate in three installments from $2.25 to $2.68.

• **Work stoppages**—Projects affected by work stoppages over working conditions and wage rate disputes last month included the giant Bowaters Carolina pulp paper plant near Rock Hill, S. C., and the million-dollar flood control dam at Wrightsville, Vt.

# OFFICIAL PROPOSALS

***APPEAR HERE EACH THURSDAY. PROPOSAL ADVERTISEMENTS ACCEPTED UP TO 10:30 A.M. FRIDAY FOR THE ISSUE DATED THE FOLLOWING THURSDAY.***

Bids: September 28, 1957

### Board of Management for the Port of Rangoon Development of Rangoon Port

CIVIL ENGINEERING CONTRACT NO. 2
Comprising
TRANSIT SHEDS,
WAREHOUSES AND WORKSHOPS

The Board of Management for the Port of Rangoon invite Civil Engineering Contractors to tender for Contract No. 2 for the Development of the Port of Rangoon.

The work involved in this Contract includes the complete provision and erection in structural steel, with concrete floors and brickwork of three Transit Sheds, part double storeyed, each approximately 450 feet long by 200 feet wide; one double storeyed Warehouse approximately 293 feet long by 100 feet wide; one single storey Crane Maintenance Shop 320 feet long by 130 feet wide; and one single storey Warehouse 210 feet long by 150 feet wide.

These buildings are to be erected on and behind Sule Pagoda Wharves Nos. 5, 6 and 7, now under construction by separate contract. Tenders will be considered only from Contractors of established reputation in building and civil engineering, and the Structural Steelwork is required to be supplied by approved specialist firms in structural steelwork. The structural steelwork section may be undertaken either by the main contractor or by a nominated sub-contractor within the main contract. Brief particulars of experience and the financial standing of the Contractors should accompany the application.

The Contractor whose tender is accepted may be required to furnish a security as specified in the Tender Documents.

The closing date for tenders which are to be addressed to The Chairman to the Board of Management for the Port of Rangoon, P.O. Box No. 1, Rangoon, will be 12.0 noon on Saturday 28th September, 1957. Tenders will be invited on the basis of a priced Bill of Quantities.

Applications for formal Tender Documents from bona fide firms of Contractors who intend to tender for the work should be made to the office of the Chairman in Rangoon or to the Board's Consulting Engineers, Sir Alexander Gibb & Partners, Queen Anne's Lodge, Westminster, London, S.W.1., as soon as convenient. The Tender Documents will be despatched to tenderers early in August. A deposit of £100 Sterling or K.1300 per set will be required from each Contractor who makes application for the Tender Documents. Additional sets may be obtained on payment of further deposits as above. Deposits will be refunded only following the submission of a bona fide tender by the Contractor and the return of the Tender Drawings and Documents in good condition.

U Win Pe. Chairman.

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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, MONTPELIER, VERMONT. NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS. Sealed proposals will be received by the department at the State Office Building until 11:00 o'clock A.M. Eastern Daylight Saving Time (10:00 o'clock A.M. Eastern Standard Time) on Friday, August 23, 1957, for the construction of the following project: GUILFORD-BRATTLEBORO I 001-1 (6): In the Towns of Guilford-Brattleboro; the Bernardston, Massachusetts-Brattleboro, Vermont road; beginning approximately 5.879 miles northerly of the Massachusetts-Vermont State Line and extending northerly 1.942 miles. Type of construction being grading; drainage, sub-base with a bituminous concrete surface course; two 3-span steel I-beam structures with a concrete floor and two 2-span steel I-beam structures with a concrete floor. Complete information at said office; plans on display at the office of R. O. Munn, District Highway Engineer; Brattleboro, Vermont; minimum wage rates predetermined by the Secretary of Labor for the project are set out in the advertised specifications and bid proposal, and such rates are a part of the contract covering the project. Minimum truck rates have been predetermined by the State Highway Board and are set out in the bid proposal. Contractors bidding on construction involving over $25,000.00 must be prequalified in accordance with Department Regulations. Right is reserved to reject any or all bids and waive any or all technicalities. William Poeter, Commissioner of Highways. Montpelier, Vermont. July 25, 1957.

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### Board of Education— Bureau of Construction

Prequalification Date: August 15, 1957.
Notice Re: Prequalification Forms for Contractors
APPROVED AS TO FORM
Acting Corp. Counsel

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT
The Superintendent of School Buildings, Bureau of Construction, 4th Floor, Room 407, 42-15 Crescent Street, L. I. C., New York, will receive applications for prequalification of bidders from Contractors whom may wish to submit bids for the proposed hereinafter specified contracts as follows:
General Construction
Pulmbing & Drainage
Heating & Ventilating
Electrical Work and
Lighting Fixtures.
Borough of Brooklyn
J.H.S. 142, Addition and Modernization
Henry, Rapelyea and Coles Streets.
Borough of the Bronx
J.H.S. 38, Addition and Modernization
St. Ann's Avenue and Rae Street.,
Pre-qualification application forms will have to be secured from and must be submitted to the Superintendent of School Buildings, Bureau of Construction, 4th Floor, Room 407, 42-15 Crescent Street, Long Island City 1, N. Y.
Bids when advertised will be received from prequalified bidders only.
Time for submitting prequalification applications by contractors will expire on Thursday, August 15, 1957.
WILLIAM H. CORREALE
Superintendent of School Buildings
Design and Construction
Dated: July 31, 1957

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Bids: October 14, 1957

### Government of Iraq Electrification of Basrah Power Project Contract No. (3) Transformers, Switchgear and Accessories

The Development Board and Ministry of Development of the Government of Iraq invite tenders from qualified firms for the supply and delivery, erection and supervision of operation, of Transformers, Switchgear and Accessories for Basrah Power Station.

Full information regarding this tender can be obtained on and after July 22, 1957 from Embassy of Iraq, Washington, or Messrs. Ewbank and Partners, 10/11 Grosvenor Place, London S.W.1., England.

All Tender Documents are to be submitted in English to the Ministry of Development, on or before 12 noon, local time on October 14, 1957.

Minister of Development.

## OFFICIAL PROPOSALS

Bids: August 29, 1957

### New York State Road Work

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS: STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, ALBANY, N. Y.—Pursuant to the provisions of the Highway Law, Article 2, Title 9 of the Public Authorities Law, and special provisions for projects financed with Federal Aid Funds, sealed proposals will be received until ten-thirty o'clock A.M., advanced standard time, which is nine-thirty o'clock A.M., eastern standard time, on the 29th day of August, 1957, by Henry A. Cohen, Director, Bureau of Contracts, 14th Floor, The Governor Alfred E. Smith State Office Building, Albany, N. Y., for the following projects:

| County | Contract No. | Name | Miles | Type | Deposit | Estimated Cost of Work |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| DISTRICT No. 1, G. L. Nickerson, District Engineer, 353 Broadway, Albany, N. Y. | | | | | | |
| Albany (Rte. 43) | R.C. 57-142 | Normanskill Viaduct, S.H. 9109 | 0.22 | Reconstruction of Viaduct Abutments, Pier, Sidewalks, Curbs and Expansion Joints | $2,500 Plans $10 | $45,000 |
| Albany (Rte. 7) | FARC 57-144 FAC 57-9 | Troy-Schenectady, Pt. 4, S.H. 630 City of Watervliet: 19th Street (City Line to Grotto Ct.) Project U-411(4) | 2.39 | Asphalt Concrete Pavement 2 @ 24' Var. Wide | 80,000 Plans $15 | 1,225,000 |
| Albany & Saratoga | FISH 57-16 | Interstate Route 502 (Mohawk River Bridge & Approaches) (Latham to Clifton Park, Sect. 2, Cont. 2) Project I-1119(7) | 0.27 (0.43 Acc.) | 9" Cem. Conc. Pavt. 2 @ 36' Wide = 0.27 Mi. Asphalt Conc. = 0.43 Mi. 600' Span Hinged Steel Arch Bridge With Comp. I-Beams Approaches 213.5' | 300,000 Plans $25 | 5,508,000 |
| Saratoga & Washington (Rte. 29) | FARC 57-141 | Schuylerville Village: North Broad and Ferry Streets, S.H. 1591 Schuylerville-Greenwich, S.H. 1437 Project F-1135 (1) | 0.61 | 9" Cem. Conc. Pavt. Var. Wide = 0.59 Mi. Misc. Work = 0.02 Mi. Comp. I-Beam Br. 348' Cant. Girder & Comp. I-Beam Br. 531' | 78,000 Plans $15 | 1,429,000 |
| DISTRICT No. 2, Lacy Ketchum, District Engineer, 109 No. Genesee St., Utica, N. Y. | | | | | | |
| FULTON (Rte. 29) | FASS 57-11 | Union Mills-South (Co. Rd.) Project S-502(1) | 2.26 | Graded Gravel, Bit. Double Surf. Treat. | 16,000 Plans $15 | 293,000 |
| Fulton (Rte. 10) | FARC 57-146 | Ephratah-Keeks Center, Pt. 2, Project S-472(1) S.H. 620 | 0.28 | Asphalt Concrete Comp. I-Beam Br. 37' | 7,000 Plans $10 | 129,000 |
| DISTRICT No. 3, William Robinson, District Engineer, 333 E. Washington St., Syracuse, N. Y. | | | | | | |
| Onondaga & Oswego (Rte. 11) | FARC 57-150 | Cicero-Brewerton, S.H. 5249 Central Square-Union Square, S.H. 5415 Project F-463(12) | 10.39 | Grading, Drainage and Tree Planting | $14,000 Plans $10 | $255,000 |
| Cayuga (Rte. 38A) | FARC 57-152 R.C. 57-158 | Auburn-Owasco, S.H. 614 Project F-642(2) | 6.05 | Asphalt Concrete, Type 1A | 8,000 Plans $10 | 142,000 |
| Seneca (Rte. 89 | FARC 57-143 R.C. 57-149 | East Varick-Canoga, S.H. 8386 Canoga-Halsey Corners, S.H. 8363 Project F-509(4) | 12.53 | Asphalt Concrete | 32,000 Plans $10 | 596,000 |
| DISTRICT No. 4, B. F. Perry, District Engineer, Barge Canal Terminal, Rochester, N. Y. | | | | | | |
| Monroe (Rte. 64) | R.C. 57-151 | Pittsford Village: Monroe and South Main Streets, S.H. 5435 | .... | Cleaning and Painting 1 Bridge | 800 Plans $10 | 15,000 |
| DISTRICT No. 5, E. G. H. Youngmann, District Engineer, 65 Court St., Buffalo, N. Y. | | | | | | |
| Chautauqua (Rte. 60) | FARC 57-106 | Sinclairville-Casadaga, Pt. 2, S.H. 1012-1012A Casadaga-Fredonia, S.H. 938 Project F-1117(1) | 6.27 (1.83 Acc.) | Asphalt Conc., 6.49 Mi. 9" Cem. Conc. Pavt. 24' Wide = 1.24 Mi. Misc. Work = 0.37 Mi. Reinf. Conc. Arch Br. 68' | 140,000 Plans $25 | 2,506,000 |
| DISTRICT No. 8, K. G. Rauer, District Engineer, Pleasant Valley Road, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. | | | | | | |
| Rockland | H.T. 57-3 | New York State Thruway-Hudson Section-Sub. 8 Access Ramp to Route 59 | 0.26 | 9" Cem. Conc. Pavt. Var. Wide | 4,000 Plans $10 | 69,000 |
| DISTRICT No. 9, J. C. Frederick, District Engineer, 71 Frederick St., Binghamton, N. Y. | | | | | | |
| Broome & Schohar ie | R.C. 57-148 | Barker, S.H. 375 Howes Cave-Cobleskill, S.H. 5286 | .... | Cleaning & Painting 2 Thru Truss Bridges 160' and 145' | $500 Plans $10 | 9,000 |
| Sullivan | FESS 57-6 | Barryville-Yulan, Co. Rd. 21 Project ER-26(2) | 1.86 | Asphalt Conc., Opt. | 13,000 Plans $15 | 247,000 |
| DISTRICT No. 10, M. E. Goul, District Engineer, Little East Neck Road, Babylon, L. I., N. Y. | | | | | | |
| Nassau (Rte. 107) | FARC 57-147 | Massapequa-Glen Cove, S.H. 9017 Project U-S-377(1) | 2.47 (1.29 Acc.) | 9" Cem. Conc. Pavt. 2 @ 37' Var. Wide = 2.27 Mi. Asph. Conc., = 0.46 Mi. Temp. Asph. Conc. = 0.39 Mi. Misc. Work = 0.64 Mi. Bridge Widening at Northern State Parkway | 125,000 Plans $50 | 2,273,000 |

Any projects in this letting that are on the Federal Aid highway systems are subject to the provisions of the "Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956", being Public Law 627, 84th Congress, approved June 29, 1956, and are also subject to the applicable New York State statutes.

In compliance with the provisions of Section 115 (Prevailing Rate of Wage) Public Law 627, the minimum wages to be paid laborers and mechanics are included in wage schedules that are set out in the bid proposal.

Maps, plans, specifications and proposal forms may be seen and obtained at the office of the State Department of Public Works, Bureau of Contracts, Albany, N. Y., and at the office of the District Engineers noted above, and may also be seen at the office of the State Department of Public Works, 270 Broadway, New York City.

The deposit for Plans and Proposal Forms for each contract is indicated above. A refund will be made in full to bidders for return of one set, in good condition, within 30 days of award, or rejection of bids; refund for all other sets in good condition, similar period, will be 50% of deposit.

Special attention of bidders is called to "General Information for Bidders" in the proposal, specification, and contract agreement, and to the special provisions applying to projects financed with federal funds.

Award of a contract is subject to priorities and allocations under the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended, and all regulations issued thereunder.

Proposal for each contract must be submitted in a separate sealed envelope with the name and number of the contract plainly endorsed on the outside of the envelope. Each proposal must be accompanied by draft or certified check payable to the order of the "State of New York, Commissioner of Taxation and Finance" for the sum as specified in the advertisement and the proposal. The retention and disposal of the bidding check, the execution of the contract and bonds shall conform to the provisions of the Highway Laws, as set forth in "Instructions to Bidders".

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

JOHN W. JOHNSON

SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS

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OFFICIAL PROPOSALS

Bids: August 30, 1957

## Construction of Sewers, Laterals, Etc. Town of Wallkill, Orange County, N. Y.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SEWERS, LATERALS, ETC. IN WASHINGTON HEIGHTS SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT, TOWN OF WALLKILL, ORANGE COUNTY, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed proposals are invited for furnishing the materials and labor necessary according to the plans and specifications for constructing a sanitary sewer system in the Washington Heights Sanitary Sewer District in the Town of Wallkill, Orange County, New York, and under a contract in the form substantially set out in said specifications.

Sealed proposals will be received by the Town Board at the office of Harry C. Carpenter, Engineer, 4 Fairlawn Avenue, Middletown, New York, at 8 o'clock in the afternoon (DST) on August 30, 1957, and will be opened and considered publicly by said Board at said time and place.

Plans, specifications and estimates of the expense, proposed contract for the execution of work, and forms of proposal can be examined at and copies secured from the District's Engineer, Harry C. Carpenter, at his office 4 Fairlawn Avenue, Middletown, New York, from and after the publication of this notice.

Plans, specifications and estimates for the work will be exhibited publicly in the office of the Town Clerk, Irving J. Gibbs, in the hamlet of Circleville, in said Town of Wallkill, from and after this date and until bids are received and opened.

Proposals must be made upon and in accordance with the form of proposal accompanying the plans and specifications, which form of proposal will contain instructions to bidders.

A deposit of $25.00 will be required for each set of plans and specifications distributed, which amount will be refunded only to those submitting formal bids if said plans and specifications are returned in good condition after bids have been received and acted upon by the Town Board.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check on a solvent bank of the State of New York, to the order of Kenneth W. Van ScIver, Supervisor, in the amount of five percent of the total amount of the bid, or a bond with sufficient sureties to be approved by the Supervisor, in the penal sum equal to said five percent, conditioned that if the proposal is accepted the successful bidder will enter into a contract for the work, and that he will execute within fifteen days from the date of the acceptance of the proposal a suitable surety bond in the sum of the amount of the contract, conditioned for the faithful prompt performance and completion of the work specified in the contract.

All deposits, except those of the successful bidder, will be returned.

Upon the acceptance of his bid, if the successful bidder fails to enter into a contract within fifteen days from the date of the acceptance of his proposal or fails to give the security prescribed in this notice within the time limitation, then the check deposited as aforesaid and the moneys standing to credit of the same, shall be forfeited to the Town as liquidated damages, or the Supervisor may enforce payment of the bond for the benefit of the Town.

The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in, or to reject all bids submitted and to accept the bid of the lowest responsible formal bidder.

Dated, August 1, 1957.

Kenneth W. Van ScIver
Supervisor
William H. Hamblin
Harold F. Coddington
Hanford Terwilliger
J. Raymond Townsend
Justices of the Peace
Acting for the Town of Wallkill in behalf of Washington Heights Sanitary Sewer District.


**OFFICIAL PROPOSAL**

**RATE:** $2.10 per line (or fraction) per insertion.

**CLOSING DATE:** 10:30 a.m. Friday for issue out following Thursday.

**SEND COPY:** Official Proposal Section, Classified Adv. Div., P.O. Box 12, New York 36, N. Y.


OFFICIAL PROPOSALS

Bids: August 29, 1957

## Construction of Water Main Hamburg and Orchard Park, N. Y.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received in accordance with the law by the Erie County Water Authority until ten o'clock A.M. Daylight Saving Time on the twenty-ninth day of August, 1957 at the office of the Authority, 338 Ellicott Square Building, Buffalo 3, New York, for furnishing materials and performing the labor for constructing a thirty-six (36") inch diameter water transmission main in the Towns of Hamburg and Orchard Park, Erie County, New York, all in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by Buck, Seifert and Jost, Consulting Engineers, 112 East 19th Street, New York 3, New York.

Copies of the plans and specifications may be obtained either from the Erie County Water Authority or from the Consulting Engineers upon deposit of Twenty-Five ($25.00) Dollars, which sum will be refunded upon return of the plans and specifications in good condition within ten (10) days after the date on which bids are received or else the entire deposit will be forfeited.

The work to be done includes all materials and labor, tools, plant and equipment necessary for constructing, installing, testing and completing, ready for operation, approximately thirty-two thousand (32,000') feet of thirty-six (36") inch diameter water transmission main with connections to existing mains, valves, air relief and blow-off facilities, manholes and other accessories and appurtenances.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check payable to the Erie County Water Authority or a bid bond to the favor of the Authority from a reliable surety company authorized to do business in the State of New York and satisfactory to the Authority, in amount equal to ten (10%) percent of the proposal. The certified check will be retained to pay for any damage or loss to the Authority, or the liability bond will accrue, in case the successful bidder shall neglect or refuse to enter into a contract in accordance with his proposal.

The Authority reserves the right to consider bids for thirty (30) days after their receipt before awarding any contract and the right is reserved to accept any bid or to reject any or all of them.

ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY
By: WILLIAM J. CARNEY
Secretary

Buck, Seifert and Jost
Consulting Engineers

Dated: July 30th, 1957

### U. S. Government

Sealed bids will be received in the office of the Engineering and Construction Director, Panama Canal Company, Balboa Heights, Canal Zone, until 10:00 A.M., October 23, 1957, and at that time publicly opened, for the work and material required to convert Gatun, Pedro Miguel and Miraflores Locks in the Panama Canal Zone from 25 cycle to 60 cycle operation. Plans and specifications are available for examination in the office of Chief, Procurement Division, Panama Canal Company, 21 West Street, New York 6, New York. Data can be obtained upon payment of $50.00 deposit which will be refunded when data is returned within 40 calendar days after bid opening. For further information contact this office, Desk No. 1, or telephone Bowling Green 9-5380, extension 56.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, Bureau of Reclamation. Sealed bids (Specifications No. DC-4949) will be received at Albuquerque, New Mexico until September 5, 1957, for furnishing labor and materials for Earthwork, Clearing and Structures, Belen Unit 5, Middle Rio Grande Project, New Mexico. Location near Belen, New Mexico. Principal items are clearing area, cleaning waterways, and constructing embankments for about 12.8 miles of waterways; 430 cu. yds. of concrete in structures; furnishing and installing 175 metal slide gates; and other work. Completion time April 1, 1958. For particulars, address Bureau of Reclamation, P. O. Box 252, Albuquerque, New Mexico, or Building 53, Denver Federal Center, Denver 2, Colorado. W. A. Dexheimer, Commissioner.

OFFICIAL PROPOSALS

Bids: August 22, 1957

## Construction of the Gates-Chili-Ogden Sewer District

Sealed bids for Contract "A", the construction of Outfall and Trunk Sewers for the Gates-Chili-Ogden Sewer District, will be received by the Monroe County Sewer Agency at its office at 407 Terminal Building, 65 Broad Street, Rochester 14, New York until 11 O'clock A. M., E.D.T., on the 22nd day of August, 1957.

Bidding forms can be obtained and plans and specifications examined at the office of the Sewer Agency or the office of the Lozier Company, Engineers, 10 Gibbs Street, Rochester 4, New York.

Copies of plans and specifications may be obtained upon the payment of twenty-five dollars ($25.00) for each set, which will not be refunded.

The work consists of the construction of approximately four miles of sewers 8" to 27" in diameter with all appurtenances.

COUNTY OF MONROE
by: C. A. Bennett
Purchasing Agent

August 8, 1957

### U. S. Government

Department of Commerce, Bureau of Public Roads, July 23, 1957. SEALED BIDS will be received at the office of the Regional Engineer, Bureau of Public Roads, 1440 Columbia Pike, Arlington, Virginia, until 11:00 a.m., D.S.T., AUGUST 27, 1957, for Project 1G12,13, Blue Ridge Parkway, Amherst County, Virginia. Concrete Box Girder Viaduct over Otter Creek and Virginia Route 130, Concrete T-beam Bridge over Otter Creek, and other work. Aggregate length: 0.217 mile. The approximate quantities of the more important items are: 1,755 cu. yd. Concrete, 325,000 lb. Reinforcement Steel and 775 cu. yd. Stone Masonry. Minimum wage rates have been fixed as required by law. Plans, specifications and proposal forms are available upon request at the address given above or Bureau of Public Roads, 920 South Jefferson Street, Roanoke, Virginia. H. J. Spelman, Regional Engineer.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, Bureau of Reclamation. Sealed bids (Specifications No. DC-4948) will be received at Camp White, near Medford, Oregon, until September 10, 1957, for furnishing labor and materials for Keene Creek Dam and Green Springs Power Conduit, Rogue River Basin Project, Oregon. Location 16 miles southeast of Ashland, Oregon in Jackson County. Principal items are 280,000 cu. yds. excavation; 10,700 cu. yds. concrete; 158,000 cu. yds. embankment; and other work. The work is divided into 2 schedules. Completion time 60 days. For particulars, address Bureau of Reclamation, Box 386, Camp White, Oregon; or Building 53, Denver Federal Center, Denver 2, Colorado. W. A. Dexheimer, Commissioner.

Department of Commerce, Bureau of Public Roads, July 23, 1957. SEALED BIDS will be received at the office of the Regional Engineer, Bureau of Public Roads, 1440 Columbia Pike, Arlington, Virginia, until 11:00 a.m., D.S.T., AUGUST 22, 1957, for Project 2G4, Blue Ridge Parkway, Watauga County, North Carolina. Steel Girder Viaduct over Sims Creek, and other work. Aggregate Length: 0.144 mile. The approximate quantities of the more important items are: 1,975 cu. yd. Concrete, 217,000 lb. Reinforcement Steel and 175 tons Structural Steel. Minimum wage rates have been fixed as required by law. Plans, specifications, and proposal forms are available upon request at the address given above or Bureau of Public Roads, 920 South Jefferson Street, Roanoke, Virginia. H. J. Spelman, Regional Engineer.


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## POSITIONS VACANT

**Gunite Superintendent—Wanted immediately.** Middle Atlantic States. State age, experience, availability, salary desired. P-4640, Engineering News-Record.

**Engineer-Gunite, wanted immediately, must** know estimating, take complete charge of all gunite operations. Executive position ultimately available. P-5355, Engineering News-Record.

**Wanted—Experienced Designers on Highways** and Bridges. Locations Philadelphia and Harrisburg, Pa. and Columbus, Ohio. Long range work program. Good opportunities to qualified applicants. Reply stating experience, availability and salary requirements. P-5553, Engineering News-Record.

**Assistant City Engineer Wanted: general municipal** engineering and administrative duties. Thoroughly experienced. Must be registered in Ohio. Salary $6800 per year. Write giving experience resume to Service-Safety Director, City Building, Mansfield, Ohio.

**Estimators—Military & Airfield Work. Architectural,** Structural, Civil, Mechanical & Electrical. Quantity Take-Off & Pricing. Overseas. Mild climate. All replies confidential. Write or call Mr. Levy, Builders Estimating Service, 120 Greenwich Street, N. Y. C.

**Senior Cost Engineer familiar with the Uniform** System of Accounts for Electric Utilities. Duties will consist of analyzing completed major construction projects for an Electric Utility. Experience with the Federal Power Commission or a State Public Service Commission would be desirable. Some experience with the Property Record Department of any Electric Utility would also be an asset. Indianapolis Power and Light Company, Employment Department, 1230 West Morris St., Indianapolis, Indiana.

**Wanted—Experienced grading and drainage** superintendent for position with expanding Michigan contractor. Paving experience would also be valuable but not essential. Write, giving full particulars and salary desired: Canonie Construction Co., South Haven, Mich.

**Wanted: Civil Engineering Draftsmen for** work on large Southern California irrigation and drainage project. Desert type climate. Permanent position with excellent opportunity for advancement for qualified men. Salary range $3,600 to $6000 per year, dependent on experience. All applications kept confidential. Must be citizen. Please give full details of experience and education. P-5644, Engineering News-Record.

**Estimators—Experienced in Industrial Con**struction. Permanent positions in Southeastern States. Send resume of education and experience, references and salary requirements. P-5675, Engineering News-Record.

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## POSITIONS VACANT

**Teaching positions open in Civil Engineering** and Electrical Engineering in a growing engineering college. Salary from $5500 to $8000 for school year of nine months, depending upon training and experience. Contact Dean of Engineering, University of Nevada, Reno, Nevada.

**Civil-Structural Engineer wanted. Preferable** Highway Bridge experience. Work in Tucson, Arizona. P-5772, Engineering News-Record.

**Civil Engineers Wanted—with experience in** the fields of Highway design, structures, water distribution systems, sewers, sewage treatment, pumping stations and storm drains. Public works experience desirable but not essential. Good starting salaries, excellent working conditions; stable community, fine opportunity for advancement, Merit System increases and retirement benefits. Send resume of experience and salary desired to: Department of Public Works, Baltimore County Office Building, Towson 4, Maryland.

**City Engineer and Planner, small New Eng**land city. C. E. Graduate or seven (7) years experience. Municipal experience preferred but not mandatory. Please state qualifications and salary desired in first letter. Apply, Office of Mayor, Franklin, New Hampshire.

**Wanted Engineers, Draftsmen, and Layouts.** One of the leading structural steel and plate fabricating companies in Florida (located in Central Florida). Ideal working conditions, air conditioned office, co-benefits, insurance, hospitalization, vacation, and holidays. P-5691, Engineering News-Record.

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## EMPLOYMENT AGENCY

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**Manufacturers Representative wanted for** several good territories in the United States. Liberal Commissions Chinook Wind Portable Heaters & Torches. Write International Manufacturing Co. 675 Rio Grande, Littleton, Colorado.

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# OVERSEAS POSITIONS

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P-5744—Engineering News-Record
Class. Adv. Div., P. O. Box 12, N. Y. 36, N. Y.

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P-5583, Engineering News-Record,
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**P-5737**—Engineering News-Record
520 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago 11, Ill.

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P-5713—Engineering News-Record
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## POSITIONS WANTED
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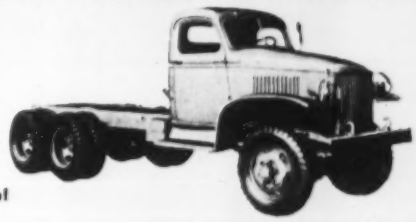

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## A Disaster to Learn By

OPPORTUNITIES TO INCREASE KNOWLEDGE beckon whenever disaster strikes. In the case of the Mexico City earthquake last week, the call is particularly insistent for, unlike the far more severe earthquake of a few weeks earlier in the remote mountains of Iran, this one affected one of the prideful products of modern engineering—the multi-story building.

Some of these buildings are advanced examples of a worldwide trend to lightweight curtain walls. Many include cantilevered floor slabs. Some are exceedingly slender. All are founded on a less-than-ideal soil. Foundation designs vary. So do the materials of construction.

And, with all of these special characteristics, each building was, or should have been, designed with the certainty that it would have to resist earthquake forces. Mexican engineers can make a substantial contribution to better building the world over by probing the failures and analyzing the successes shown up in their recent disaster. ENR staff editor Fred Merritt is on the scene to report their first conclusions in next week's issue.

## New Light on Brittle Failures

TWO BOOKS JUST PUBLISHED do the engineering profession a valuable service by summarizing present knowledge of the brittle behavior of metals. One book was prepared by the Plasticity Committee of the Welding Research Committee; the other was sponsored by the Committee on Ship Steel, National Academy of Sciences—National Research Council. While the authors of both books admit that there still are many unanswered questions on brittle behavior—particularly how failures are triggered—they nevertheless are able to offer many valuable suggestions for avoiding brittle failure (see p. 67).

The books are based on the results of recent research, but the investigations were stimulated by the wartime welded ship failures, which offered the puzzle of occurring under very low stress conditions.

Brittle failure occurs when a material lacks the ability to absorb energy. And unfortunately, no single test can quantitatively evaluate the ductility or brittleness of a large section of a material. A steel that shows satisfactory ductibility in a conventional tensile test may fail in a brittle manner in service under very low stress. A crack, once started, may travel through the material at a speed of up to 6,000 fps, with no change in loading.

Researchers, however, have learned, the books report, that brittle behavior depends not only on the material but on the temperature, deformation velocity and state of stress. They have found that, below a critical temperature, failures will not be of the ductile type. Also that brittle cracks can travel at high speeds through steel because the energy required to propogate them is only about 1 ft-lb per sq in. of fractured surface, which can easily be supplied by the latent elastic energy of the structure.

The authors also refute two widely held concepts: (1) that brittle fracture in steel results only from impact loading, and (2) that use of a material with high notch toughness is sufficient to prevent brittle failure. While notch toughness is significant, the authors emphasize the importance of designing and fabricating structures in such a manner that notch effects and high local stress concentrations are avoided. Their most important admonition, however, is to design details so as to prevent initiation and propagation of cracks.

After reading these books, it is easier to understand how the welded plate-girder Duplessis Bridge at Three Rivers, Que., could have failed suddenly with virtually no load on it (ENR Feb. 8, 1951, p. 23): Cracks had been found in the steel prior to the failure; the temperature at the time of collapse was reported to be —30F; and the steel used had low notch toughness. Furthermore, nearly 20 other welded continuous girder bridges made of a different grade of steel are still performing satisfactorily in Quebec, ruling out the likelihood of the failure having been directly caused by volume changes in the concrete deck, as some engineers have claimed.

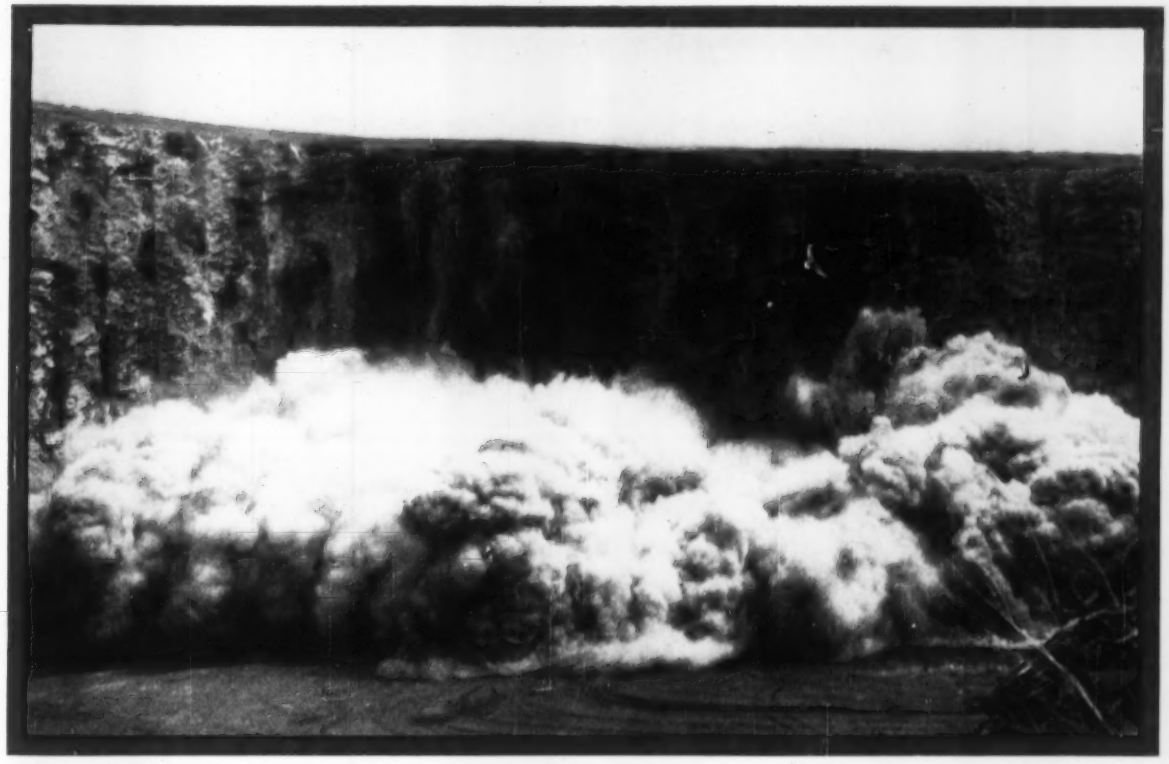
These books—Control of Steel Construction to Avoid Brittle Failure and Brittle Behavior of Engineering Structures—deserve careful study by all engineers. If the information they contain is put to good use, brittle failures need never occur.

## Metric Equivalents

AT THE CLOSING SESSION of one of the international engineering conferences held in Europe this summer, an idea was advanced which warrants the careful attention of engineers in English speaking countries. Noting that English is steadily being more widely recognized as an international language of science and engineering, it was suggested that those who write in English for an international audience use the metric system as a reasonable quid pro quo.

There was no thought of urging that the English-speaking world adopt the metric system, but merely that technical and scientific papers in English, which are to have international circulation, might recognize the metric system. One simple way of doing this would be to include in all such papers the metric equivalents of all figures given in English units, by adding them appropriately in parenthesis.

This would be a small thing in itself, involving but little extra work. Both as a gesture of international goodwill, and for its intrinsic usefulness, the suggestion of using metric equivalents in papers that are to be read overseas is an appealing one. It should be adopted whenever possible.



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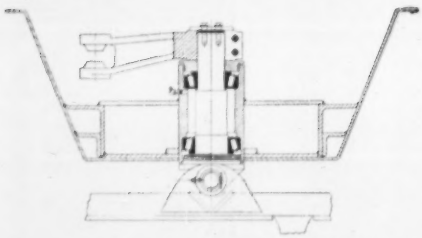

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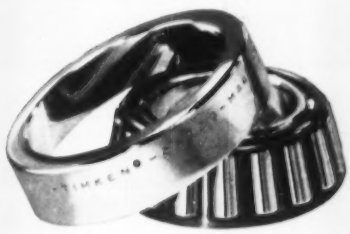

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